



26th April 2024

Dear parents/guardians,

Summer Term 2024

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays; the children have settled really quickly into the class routines and have already greeted our new topic with their usual enthusiasm.

Our topic this term is 'Fire and Ice', which is the same as, Hazel Class. We are hoping to explore the local area on a couple of occasions this term- separate letters will follow. Here is a brief outline of our areas of study for this topic and term:

Science: We will explore 'Animals including humans.' We will continue to observe Seasonal changes.

Geography: We will explore the location of hot and cold places and explore these further identifying the animals that live in certain continents.

History: We will take a journey back in time to learn about the History of the Fire Brigade and explore briefly the fire at Cowdray.

Design Technology: We will design, make and evaluate a smoothie.

Art: Children will explore a variety of mixed media to create pictures. They will apply their prior sketching techniques when visiting Cowdray Castle.

Religious Education: This term we will explore and compare different religions and answer the question 'What makes some places sacred?' and in the second half term we will explore Judaism further.

Computing: We will continue to discuss internet safety and work on 'Animated story books.

Music: Using our music scheme, 'Charanga,' we will learn and compare the song 'Your Imagination' with other genres of music.

Physical Education: In school children will continue Games with Aspire coaches and games and athletics with me.

French: with Mrs Byers.

Learning for life: We will explore physical health and well-being.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be linked to our topic work when appropriate. The children will have regular phonics lessons, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school. If any of you have extra time to spare and feel that you could support

reading in school then please let the school office know. It is always appreciated by children and staff.

Homework:

Reading: Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible, their fluency is really increasing which is great to see.

Spellings: I will send home 5-8 words a week which we will be focussing on in class. It would help children's confidence if you can practice with them at home. These have already been sent via Seesaw.

Maths: This term we will be looking at time and money in class – if you can support these areas outside of school by giving your child an opportunity to buy items using small amounts of money, this will help by putting money into context. Talk about everyday maths as you walk to school with a focus on numbers up to 100 and the value of each digit (house numbers, counting the stairs when going to bed, shapes they can see) and play board games. These all help children to recognise maths in a variety of forms.

Seesaw: I will continue to send home spellings via Seesaw and any other communication. Hopefully you all managed to read about our toy meerkats who will come home with our FAB achievers for the weekend.

This half term we are lucky to have a Student Teacher, Miss Mercer, working in Year 1 and she will be teaching some lessons in class alongside me.

Thank you to those of you who recently came to the phonics information sessions. If you are concerned at all about the phonics screening which will take place week commencing 10th June, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It has been wonderful to welcome your children back into class for what will be a very busy, action packed Summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Hurrion

Dates for your Diary:

TBC- Cowdray Castle (sketching the castle)

17th May – PTA Disco

18th June - South Pond Visit

21st June- School Fair

5th July – Sports day

