

Mrs Muldoon's Class Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

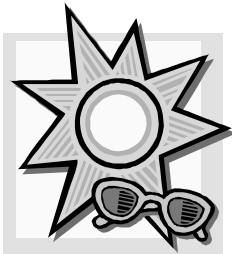
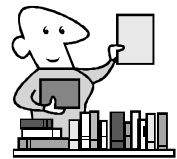
I hope you all had a relaxing break over Easter! As the new school term begins once again, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about what will be going the children will be studying this term.

Firstly I'd like to say a big 'Well Done' to the children in year 6 who have stayed on each Tuesday after school for the last 10 weeks to be part of our Homework Club! Their hard work and effort is greatly appreciated and we hope that they have found that little bit of extra input helpful in the build up to their SATs exams. Well done also to those children in both year 5 and 6, who have put so much effort in to their Learning Logs this year, there are some fantastic examples in the class! A big thank you must also be given to the parents who continue to support their children in this work.



I'd also like to congratulate the children in year 6 on their behaviour and attitude during the recent trip to the Briars Residential Centre, Crich. On the whole I have heard some extremely good reports from the teachers and TAs who accompanied the children on the trip. The year 5 children look forward to their own residential trip to Wales in the very near future and I know they will make us just as proud.

The children as always have access to the Junior Library each Monday morning with Mrs Wells, however in addition to this, some library monitors have now been appointed from amongst the year 6 children, so that access to the library can be extended to the lunchtime period as well.



We are now approaching the summer months and are already experiencing some warmer weather, it would therefore be really useful if your child could have in school a refillable water bottle labelled with their name (preferably with a sports top to avoid spillages!) Some of the children already have water bottles in school and these are kept on the tables so that the children have access to them at all times. It is the children's own responsibility to make sure their bottles remain freshly filled and clean. It is also advisable, if the weather does become very hot, that the children

have a sun hat and sun cream in school to protect them during the break times and lunchtimes. We are not allowed to put our own sun cream on the children if they don't have any themselves, this is because of the risk of allergies etc. However, if children do bring sun cream in to school, it must stay in their bag and be applied sensibly when needed.



Our PE sessions will continue to take place each Tuesday afternoon, the children as always are requested to have their kits in school at all times however, in case of any changes to the time table. This should consist of a white T-shirt and a pair of shorts, pumps for our indoor sessions and trainers for outdoor PE. There are still some children who regularly have to borrow kit either from other children or from lost property at the beginning of a session and as you can imagine, this wastes a lot of lesson time. It is extremely useful if each part of your child's Kit is clearly labelled as there are times when items are left lying around unidentified!



We are lucky enough to have input this term from Derbyshire Cricket Club who will be working with the year 5 and 6s, on Wednesday mornings throughout the summer term. This will begin with the year 5 groups, but the year 6s will have their sessions once the May assessments are finished. There will also be a range of different activities going on for the children during the summer term, a Maths

Dance Workshop for example being just one event that we look forward to. As always, the children's good behaviour and cooperation is crucial at these times, so that everyone can get as much out of the sessions as possible.

We are extremely grateful to the PTA who have worked tirelessly this year to raise money to put towards new computers for the ICT suite! The children have been very excited to see the new equipment going in this week and can't wait to be let loose in there! Thank you to all who contributed by attending and supporting the PTA events, it is greatly appreciated.



Our school Learning Platform is also now up and running, I will be sending out an information leaflet very soon telling parents how they can access relevant parts of the platform and providing the essential log in details. The children have their own individual usernames and passwords to access the parts of the platform which are relevant to them. We have started to use the platform in our ICT classes, hopefully then the children will become confident enough to start using it from home also.

Topics for the Term:



Topic: As a History topic this term the children will be learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation. We have started looking at where this era fits in on a timeline, familiarising ourselves with the abbreviations AD and BC. We've also done some work on Ancient Greek pottery and how archaeology tells us about life in Ancient Greece. We look forward to learning much more over the coming months.

Literacy: This term we will be learning about Greek Mythology to fit in with our History topic. We will also be learning about plays, linking this to Greek theatre. We will be writing instructions and exploring imagery in poetry, looking at the poems of Homer (not Simpson!).

Science: Our Science work this term begins with the topic of Earth in Space and moves on to How We See Things after the half term.

ICT: In our ICT work this term we will be studying a topic called Text and Graphics, looking at how animations and other tools can be used to make a piece of work more exciting. After half term we will be looking at Digital Imaging, where we will be using Photostory and other programs to create short films.

R.E: In our RE topics this term we will begin by talking about 'Messengers and Witnesses'. We will also be looking at the topics of 'Change', relating this to some of the children's transition to secondary school and at 'Treasures'.

Art/DT: In the children's Cover Time afternoons they will be learning about sculpture.

Music: We are continuing to learn how to play brass instruments with Mrs Benson.



I look forward to another productive term.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Muldoon