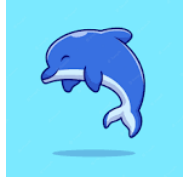




Summer 1 Newsletter April 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

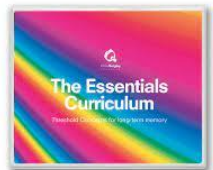
In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact me via ClassDojo or, if a quick query, catch me at the end of the day.

As you are aware, our school values are Resilience, Community and Respect. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Mr Farnell



Term 5 Learning



This term the children's learning will be as follows:

English	Our focus text for this term will be 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood. We will use the book to help create a number of different writing opportunities ranging from story retellings, information texts and some poetry.
Maths	Term 5 will see us continuing to complete our fraction work. We will then work through two units of decimals before focusing on a money.
RE	During RE this term, we will be moving onto looking at the religion of Hindu-Dhama. Our key question in Term 5 is 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?'
History	Term 5 will see us move on from the Egyptians and focus on the Romans. We will look at the Roman Empire in Britain and from around the world before looking at clues from the past.
Geography	In geography we will be moving on from our study of Europe to look at national and international transportation and the world of international trade.
Science	Term 5 will begin by looking at magnets and sounds including how we hear things. We will then move onto materials and evolution.
Art	In art we will be looking at the artist Leonardo da Vinci. We will spend some time looking into the Renaissance period as well as studying famous pieces of art from this time.
PE	PE term 5 will consist of orienteering where we will learn different skills to navigate around the site using different maps, as well as Athletics where we will be looking jumping, throwing, sprinting and some longer distance running. PE will continue to be taught on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

PSHE	Our overarching topic this term is Relationships. During these lessons we will look into healthy friendships, love and loss and learning how to deal with things if we fall out with someone.
Music	All of our learning in music this term will be focused around one song: Blackbird by The Beatles – a song about civil rights.
French	We will continue building on our growing knowledge of the French language. We will look at the four seasons and learn lots of vocabulary linked to this.

Additional information

Spellings – these are to be set every Friday and evaluated on the following Friday. Hard copies are available, if needed, but they are also posted on Spelling Shed. This app allows the children to practise their spellings and earn points. All login details are stuck in the back of the children's reading records. If your child has a new reading record and no longer has their details, please let me know so I can make sure you have these.

Times Table Rockstars – we will be continuing using TTRS both in school and at home. This is a great app that will be very helpful as we prepare for the official Multiplication Test later in the year. We will complete a timed version on a Friday.

Reading – Please do read regularly with your child at home. Sign their reading record and help them earn Accelerated Reader awards and House points. We cannot stress how much of a positive impact this has on your child's reading ability.

PE Kit – PE this term will be outside for both lessons. Orienteering will generally be on a Tuesday and Athletics on a Thursday. Please ensure appropriate kit is in school for these lessons. Please continue to check trainers regularly to ensure they fit and are wearable. It would be beneficial to have jogging bottoms in school also in case it is cold.

Football – Our class Football Day is Thursday. If your child would like to do football at lunch time, they must have separate kit available. I have allowed PE kits to be used this term, but next term a different set of clothes is required.

If you need to contact us, please use ClassDojo. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Do note that teachers cannot see messages sent to other teachers. You are given the option to choose who you want to send the message to when composing it.

Key dates/information (so far!)

17th April – Development Day (School closed to children)

21st April – Crazy hair day (Foss event)

24th and 26th April – Parent consultations.

27th April – Class pictures.

26th May – End of term (3:20pm finish)

