



Be the BEST You Can Be

Class 2 Newsletter



Term 6 2021

Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Collossians 3:23

Looking forward to term 6

This newsletter is coming to you at the end of term. This is so that you can prepare for next term's learning and upcoming events in plenty of time. It will also help you to understand a little bit more about our next topic, which should help with the open-ended holiday homework.

We are really looking forward to Term 6. With the better weather, lots of outdoor activities and a great topic it is sure to be an enjoyable one!

What we are learning

Our Term 6 topic is called 'Commotion in the Ocean! Through a series of lively and interesting activities the children will build their knowledge of oceans and seas around the world. They will begin to understand the different environments these represent and how they affect life on land as well as at sea. They will develop their geographical skills and build up their knowledge of food chains, exploration, and evolution!

Our topic will continue into our learning in Literacy, where we will begin by writing poems about the sea, using the story 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' by Jeannie Baker as a starting point. We will continue the 'sea' theme through writing letters and postcards, while also writing 'under the sea' adventure stories.

In Maths we will be recapping children's knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction, revising what was learnt during home learning and securing the children's knowledge. We will also be learning about fractions of shapes and numbers, using concrete resources to help us.

Our learning in Science will focus on 'Scientists and Inventors'. Throughout the unit, children will work in a fun and hands-on way to learn about famous scientists and inventors. They will carry out a range of tests and investigations linked to the work of scientists such as Louis Pasteur, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and Rachel Carson.

In RE our 'big question' will be 'What is the good news Jesus brings?' In this unit children will investigate the lives of some people for whom Jesus was good news. Jesus offered friendship, forgiveness and peace. Children will think about how these three offers are 'good news'.

In Art, inspired by the stormy seascapes of J. M. W. Turner, children will use a variety of techniques to create textured watercolour paintings and turn them into sea-storm collages. They will study how pattern is used for camouflage and create a sculpture of the many ocean creatures and plants researched. Finally, the children will use colour-wash and 3D sculpture techniques to create a Great Barrier Reef display.

Children's learning in Computing during term 6 will begin by making music. A series of lessons will provide the children with the knowledge and understanding to create simple and more complex animations using 2Sequence. The children will use 2Sequence to explore harmony and build up musical scores. They will also be learning how to present ideas digitally through stories, quizzes and fact files, ending the term with a presentation to the whole class.

In PE the children will be introduced to the basic skills required in Net and Wall games. Children will learn the importance of the ready position. They will develop throwing, catching and racket skills, learning to track and hit a ball. They will learn to play against an opponent and over a net. They will begin to use rules and simple tactics when playing against a partner. They will be encouraged to demonstrate good sportsmanship and show respect towards others.

Our unit in PSHE in term 6 is 'Changing me'. We will be looking at and discussing the ways in which we change as we get older. The children will consider the various ways that boys and girls are different, both physically and in terms of personality and behaviour. We will be naming parts of the body, using the correct vocabulary and as part of the school's safeguarding duty, the children will be taught the correct words for private parts of the body (those kept private by underwear). We will also talk about our feelings, and how other people may feel differently to us.

Reading and Homework - Reminder

As I highlighted in my last newsletter, reading is one of the most important fundamental skills children (or anyone) must master to succeed in school and to succeed in life. Once again, this is just a reminder to please give your children the opportunity to read to you on a regular basis throughout the week and then to sign their reading record, so that we know how well their reading is going at home and so we know when to change their book.

In term 6, homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday, with the expectation that it is returned for marking by the following Thursday. Homework consists of a KIRFs activity, a spelling activity, linked to the weekly spelling or phonics learning in class, along with spelling practice. Spellings should be practised across the week 5 times, using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' method to ensure that learning is embedded.



Children should also be engaging with Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars for a few minutes each day, to build up their fluency within these key number facts.



Dates for this term

7th June - Term 6 begins
30th June - Key Stage 1 Sports Day
1st July - Transition Day
8th July - Creative Club finishes
20th July - End of Term 6



Useful Information

PE

In term 6, our PE day will change back to Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit every Tuesday. Without the right kit it is very hard for your child to enjoy the full PE curriculum within school.

School jumpers & cardigans

As the weather gets warmer, please make sure all your children's school uniform items, especially jumpers and cardigans are named, so that they may be returned to the rightful owner if misplaced.

Water bottles

All children need a water bottle in school every day. With Covid-19 restrictions still in place, we are unable to allow children to use the water fountain. It is much safer and more hygienic for your child to bring their own, named water bottle, which can be taken home each day to be washed. Many thanks.

...and finally

As we approach the final term of the year, we are looking forward to school life returning to some sort of normality. The children have coped incredibly well with so many changes over the last year, it will be great to be able to round off this year with Sports Day and Transition Day, ensuring that they are ready to begin Year 3 and Key Stage 2 in September.

Should you wish to contact us for any reason, please do so via Class Dojo, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Mrs Adamson & Mrs Fenton