



Hedgehogs Class Newsletter Term 5

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and are rested and ready for Term 5. I am sure it is going to be a busy one!

Thank you to so many of you for taking the time to meet with Mrs Blunt and I during parent consultations last term. I hope that you feel well informed about how your child is progressing so far in Year 5.

I will be teaching the class all day on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mrs Blunt will continue to teach the class on a Wednesday and Friday to allow me to carry out my wider role as Deputy Head. Mrs Carley and Mrs Berry will be also supporting the work that we do in their roles as teaching assistant.

If you have any questions or concerns please do come and see me before or after school, or email me at jo.godfrey@bad.kent.sch.uk.

Ms Godfrey, Mrs Carley, Mrs Berry and Mrs Blunt

Key Dates

Monday 16th April- First day of T5
Thursday 26th April- Digital Leader training for 5 Y5 pupils
Tuesday 1st May- Class Photographs
Thursday 10th May - Trip to Kent Life for a Viking Day
Tuesday 22nd May- NSPCC assembly and workshops
Friday 25th May- Last day of T5
Monday 4th June- INSET day
Tuesday 5th June- First day of T6





Topics Overview

English - For the majority of this term we will be looking at Viking myths. The children will explore gods within Viking/Norse mythology; this will enable to children to develop character profiles and lead them to develop their own character/god. We will then be reading the story of Beowulf and writing our own chapter about Beowulf's adventures.

Maths - This term we will begin with further work on fractions and percentages. We will also be focusing on developing our understanding of shape including area and perimeter.

Science - We will be learning about Animals including humans where we will be thinking about life cycles and characteristics of living things. This will include learning about puberty and hygiene.

R.E - Our topic for this term will be Islam. The children will learn about Muslim rites of passage and how births, marriages and deaths are marked in the Islamic faith.

P.E - This term we will be continuing to work on large gym apparatus. These lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon. Mr Packer will continue to teach the class PE on a Friday morning. Please ensure that your child has correct PE kit for each session.

Computing - This term the children will be completing their unit on being Digital architects. They will be using technology to design a room or home of their dreams. They will also be learning how to use spreadsheets. They will look at basic features within Excel and this will lead to using mathematical equations to create functioning spreadsheets that can create graphs based on inputted data.

Art/D.T - Seeing as such a large part of our curriculum is focusing on 'The Vikings', this term the children will be researching, designing and creating their own Viking shields. *For this, we will require many large cardboard boxes so if you have any you can spare, please do send them into school.*

History/Geography - This term we will be looking at Viking invasions. The children will learn lots about the Vikings across the curriculum but will focus on key battles and 'Viking England' during Humanities sessions.

PSHCE - Our topic for this term is 'Relationships'. The children will consider how to make others around them feel better when down, how to deal with embarrassment and support others in this, and how differences and similarities between people arise from different factors.

French - The topic for the coming term is Le Retour du Printemps (the return of Spring) where the children will be revising vocabulary about weather and learning about the four seasons.

Home Learning



Reading

There will continue to be the expectation that children are reading at home. It really is pleasing to see so many children growing and developing their enjoyment of reading. This is evident when children share what they are reading with us with a smile on their faces. Please do continue to support and encourage your children to read for at least 20mins a day 4/5 times a week. I have written a recommended booklist for the children in the class. All of the books on this list area available to borrow from our class library.

Spellings

As usual, the children will be sent home on a Thursday with 5-10 spellings they are required to learn for a mini-test on the following Tuesday. It is incredibly important that the children learn these each week, as the spellings form a vital part of their writing.

Maths or Writing Task

A Maths or Writing task will continue to be sent home each Thursday. These tasks will consolidate learning that has already taken place in school.