



Deer Class Newsletter Term 5

Hello and welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for our penultimate and increasingly busy term together.

Of course, we cannot escape the fact that the SATs assessments are a matter of weeks away. We have and will continue to encourage the children to focus on just doing their best, having confidence in their ability and trying to 'take them in their stride'. Although these are an accurate external measure of your child's success at primary school, they are incredibly similar in format to previous assessments the children have sat which should help ease any concerns and allow the children to feel more prepared.

You should have already received an information pack about SATs week and revision material to support those who wish to complete additional tasks. I have been really pleased with the improvement, hard work and commitment that the children have shown so far this year and hope that every child will feel a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction with their effort over the remaining weeks.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever, please do not hesitate to come and see me before or after school, or email me at daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk if that is easier.

I look forward to hopefully seeing you all at our parent consultations next week.

Mr Warner (Mrs Douglas and Mrs Jones)

Key Dates

Tuesday 30th April - Whole Class and Y6 Leavers Photographs

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May - Parent Consultations

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May - RNLi Talks

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Y6 SATs Assessments

Thursday 23rd May - Y6 Trip to Chessington

Friday 24th May - Last day of Term 5

Monday 3rd June - Inset Day

Tuesday 4th June - Start of Term 6

Thursday 6th June - Y6 Trip to the Gurdwara (pm)

Friday 7th June - Sponsored Bounce



Topics Overview

English - During the majority of this term's sessions, we will continue with lots of reading skills and comprehension work, as well as an emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar in preparation for the SPAG assessment. Some of this time will be spent on developing exam technique, styles of questions and how to make the most of the time in the tests. Children will continue to be given opportunities to produce independent written work - early writing will be based on the visual text/mini-clip 'Alma'.

Maths - This term, the sessions will be largely revision based. During the revision lessons, we will cover several concepts a session in order to keep memories refreshed; we will also revisit curriculum content from previous years, which may come up in the assessments, allowing the children to feel more confident in how to apply skills to reasoning questions. Regular arithmetic sessions and plenty of number bonds and times tables practice will also continue.

Science - This term's topic is Science this term will focus on 'Animals including humans'. We will learn about the circulatory system, the heart, lungs, function and components of blood and the effect of exercise on heart rate.

R.E - Our topic question for the next two terms is 'what do religions say to us when life gets hard?'. During these sessions, the children will consider how religious and spiritual ways of life can support people when life is difficult. The topic will also allow the children to consider how we can help each other through hard times through the values we follow/live by every day.

P.E - These lessons will continue to be led by Mr Packer and will take place on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings. The children will take part in cricket and athletics during these sessions. Please ensure your child brings trainers for outdoor PE lessons and that all PE items are named. As the weather gets warmer, a hat may also be useful. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these should be removed for lessons.

Computing - As we focused on using PowerPoint and Keynote to present research last term, the children will learn how to program using Lego WeDo during this term's sessions. They will also further develop their skills within 3D architecture software.

Art/D.T - This term in art, we will be completing optical illusion themed work, focusing mainly on the artist Bridget Riley.

History/Geography - This term we are learning about North America. The children will choose a country from the North American continent and complete research work on it focusing on both its physical and human geography.

PSHCE - Our topic for the next two terms is focused mainly on transition to secondary school and sex education.

Transition

During this term, transition meetings will begin with secondary school teachers and will continue throughout next term.

This is a valuable opportunity for us to pass on key information about your child's learning, behaviour and attitudes, as well as time for the children to meet staff from their new school.

In July, the children will spend time at their new schools during transition days. You will be notified of these dates in due course.

Leavers' Assembly

Although it is only April, we are already beginning to think about preparations for the end of the school year and the children's Leavers' Assembly.

I would be incredibly grateful if you could provide me with a photo of your child when they were a baby and when they started school. This can either be emailed to me or be given to me as a hard copy, which I will scan and then return to you. Feel free to keep it hidden from your child as a lovely surprise later next term!

Thank you in advance.