



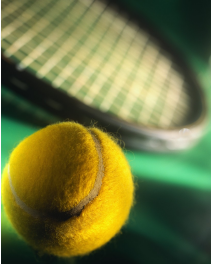

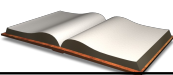






Dear Year 4 Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back for the Spring term.

Here is our termly overview:

Literacy 	This term we will be looking at stories that deal with dilemmas and issues, play scripts, persuasive writing and explanatory texts. We will also be looking at stories from other cultures linked with our RE work.
Numeracy 	Maths groups will be covering the following topics over the term: times tables; measuring and estimating distance and area; 2D and 3D shapes; 12/24 hour digital clock; mental and pencil and paper calculation strategies; data handling and fractions of amounts and mixed numbers.
Science 	We will start this term by looking at thermal insulation, then the properties of solids and liquids, before moving on to look at friction after half term.
Topic 	Our Unit on Brittany is predominantly geographical. However, we will maximise its potential for cross curricular links especially with our art unit on Monet and our French stories.
PE 	Our current PE slots remain on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Campbell will continue to teach the indoor sessions of gymnastics and dance, while Ms Jones will teach both classes games outside. In games the children will be developing their skills in net and wall games. They will be going outside, even when it is cold, so please ensure that your child has a change of tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or tracksuit top with them for these sessions.
ICT 	During the term we will be using Powerpoint and Publisher linked with our topic work on Brittany. We will also be using the Data-Logging equipment for our work on temperature and thermal insulation in Science. We will also use software to generate graphs to help us interpret our data.
RE 	This term the children will learn about creation stories from different religions and cultures.
Art 	The themes for our art this term are Journeys and Brittany art. The children will look at how journeys are represented in art and create their own pieces based on the artist Paul Klee's idea that 'a line is a dot that went for a walk'. For our work on French artists we will look at Monet, this will include a visit to The Fitzwilliam Museum.
PSCHE 	This term we will cover the following themes: Going for Goals, Working Together, Self-Awareness and Personal Safety.
Music 	Ms Jones will teach both classes for music and she will cover the following themes: dancing around the world; materials used to make sound and using voices.
DT 	This term the children will be designing and making their own pencil cases.

Both classes will have their PE sessions on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child has the correct and properly labelled PE kit (shorts and T-shirt) at school all week. There are still many items of clothing that the children bring to school without name labels. It would help us enormously to return lost items to their owners if name labels could be attached to all items that the children put on and off. It is advisable for children to bring a separate pair of trainers to school for use in PE lessons and to enable them to go on the field at lunchtimes if they wish.

Homework

Children are expected to read each day at home for 10-20 minutes. In addition, each week there will be one piece of numeracy homework and usually one piece related to their spelling. Homework related to other parts of the curriculum such as work in science and topic may be set from time to time.

Visits

We are in the process of organising our visits to The Fitzwilliam Museum to look at Monet's work. Once we have confirmed dates, we will send a letter out about these visits and we will need some adult helpers to accompany the children.

We are also planning to have a 'French Day' to link with our Topic and Modern Foreign Languages Units.

Voluntary Contributions for D & T

We are a rather concerned that we have received very few contributions towards the costs of consumables used for D & T.

Last term, we know that the children enjoyed making their pop-up greetings cards and their cooking sessions. The cost of the ingredients alone for the Christmas cakes was £1.50 per child. This term we are making pencil cases. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per term for D & T and all contributions will be appreciated.

If at any time you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child's welfare and progress please feel free to approach the class teacher.

Ms Jones, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Cobbe