

Junior Newsletter

Spring 2018

Happy New Year, I hope everyone had a lovely break.

Literacy

The class book this half term is 'My Dad's a Birdman' by David Almond; this book links to the topic for the term which is flight. Next half term, I am going to share the classic Peter Pan with the children.

The children will be writing a variety of different genres including a book review, an adventure story, an explanation text, poetry and myths and legends.

The Jack and the Beanstalk initiative will be continuing and I thank you for your continued support with this. It is also essential that children are recording vocabulary in their reading records as this will help improve both their reading and writing.

Spelling

Spelling tests will be on Friday and they will be given their new spelling list every Friday. These spellings will be based on the spelling focus for the week in Read, Write, Inc.

Maths

During this term we will be continuing with work on fractions, decimals and percentages, geometry (properties of shapes) and measurement (including area and perimeter). In order to develop these skills further, we will be focusing on reasoning and problem solving to consolidate learning. Children will continue having a times tables test on a Friday and your continued help and support with this at home is greatly appreciated.

P.E

This half term children will perform Country Dancing using a range of movement patterns with Mrs Woods at Ley Hall on a Monday afternoon. After half term, the children will be completing Boxercise lessons. Please can you ensure that children have their PE kits in school.

Topic

As part of the topic on Flight, we will be visiting the Yorkshire Air Museum. The children will be focusing on the development of flight through time and the different types of flight. In Geography, we will be focusing on location knowledge. The children will be locating the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia), North, and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities. In DT, the children will be understanding and using mechanical systems with levers and pulleys. Children will be developing their painting skills with pictures based around space and flight.

Science

The topics we will be studying are Forces and Earth and Space. If you get the opportunity to go to the Dark Skies events at Danby Moors Centre it would be very useful. For full festival programme go to the Dark Skies Festival website.

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The children will be exploring the meanings in the Creation stories of the Bible.

Music

The private/ group music lessons will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon (woodwind) and a Thursday lunchtime (guitar and piano). Mr Cross will continue the class singing but this has changed to a Friday afternoon.

Computing

This term the children will be completing their work on designing, writing and debugging programmes. Once they have completed this, they will be understanding computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple service, such as the World Wide Web; and opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration.

Homework

Children will be given one piece of homework to complete a week. It will be given on a Thursday and is due in on a Tuesday. The homework will be maths or grammar related and it is essential that the children complete it, as it will help them build on their skills/ knowledge in these subjects.

Other reminders

Computing club/ reading club- I will be holding a computing and reading club on alternate Thursday lunchtimes for those children interested in attending.

SATS club will begin on Tuesday 23rd January for year 6 children.

There will be a WW2 performance of the songs that we learnt last term will be on Friday 19th January. I look forward to seeing you all there.