

Spring Terms Newsletter 2019

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas.
This newsletter is to give you a little extra information about the term ahead in Key Stage 2.

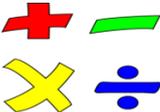
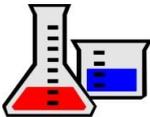
Our topic is The Tudors.

Miss Shibley will be teaching Year 5 & Year 6 all of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and the first part of Thursday morning. She will teach the whole of Key Stage 2 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs McQueen will teach Year 3 and Year 4 every morning. (Only part of the morning on a Thursday.) **Miss Ali**, an apprentice teacher, will be joining us for term 3. She will initially be working alongside Mrs McQueen but will be taking some of the lessons as the term progresses.

Miss Pelling will teach all day on Thursdays and Fridays mainly covering Miss Shibley, but also teaching science to Year 3 and 4 on a Thursday morning.

Mrs McQueen will have a teacher assistant every morning and there will be a teacher assistant every afternoon with either Miss Shibley or Miss Pelling. **Mrs Faulk** and **Mrs Moody** are our teaching assistants in Key Stage 2 this term.

<p>Reading</p> 	<p>Reading is the most important aspect of homework, even if your child is a good reader!</p> <p>Please look in their reading folder for guidance on how to support your child and make sure they read often.</p> <p>Once your child is a free reader they can chose suitable books from either school, home or the library</p>
<p>Writing</p> 	<p>All children in Key Stage 2 need to write in joined up handwriting. By the middle of Year 4 we expect them to be joining their letters all the time. When they can do this well, they can gain a pen licence. Pens are provided in school but children are more than welcome to use their own. Please check with your child's teacher.</p> <p>Writing skills will be developed through studying different types of writing throughout the term from adventure stories to Shakespeare!</p>
<p>Spelling</p> 	<p>A lot of children are not learning their spellings at home and this is putting them at a disadvantage in school. Please ensure your child has time and space to do their spelling homework at home.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Your child will be following the national curriculum for maths appropriate to the stage they are at.</p> <p>All children will have times tables as homework and will be told each week which ones to learn.</p> <p>We use active learn and mathletics computer programs. Your child will have passwords for both and can to access them at home. We update the games they can play regularly.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>This term Miss Pelling will be teaching science to both the Key Stage 2 classes.</p> <p>Year 3 and Year 4 will be investigating sound and how we hear, and looking at the properties of solids, liquids and gases.</p> <p>Year 5 and Year 6 will be investigating materials in more depth. This will include work conductivity, dissolving reversible and reversible changes</p>

<p>RE</p> 	<p>Miss Pelling will be teaching Key Stage 2 RE. They will be investigating key questions of: What it means to be a Hindu in Britain today? and When Jesus left what happened next? We will celebrate the Christian festival Easter at the end of term in church.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>PE will be taught on Monday and Wednesday afternoons by Miss Shibley and Grassroots respectively. Our focuses will be: gym, dance, invasion games and developing creative and cognition skills. Years 3, 4 and 5 will be off to Braeside to experience outdoor adventurous activities in March. Please make sure that your child has their PE in school at all times. Proper footwear and clothing for inside and out is essential.</p>
<p>History</p> 	<p>History will be our main topic focus up to Easter and we hope to include a trip to celebrate our study of the Tudors We hope to study this through many aspects of the curriculum. Miss Shibley will be teaching history.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>On trend for this term, we will be learning about Europe but there will be no mention of Brexit! Hopefully through mapping and research we will learn lots of interesting facts. Miss Shibley will be teaching geography,</p>
<p>Art</p> 	<p>Our main focus will be drawing skills using a variety of media and exploring the work of artists. Miss Pelling will be teaching art.</p>
<p>Design and Technology</p> 	<p>Miss Pelling will be teaching design and technology. This will be in term 4 and will be based on making a design out of fabric inspired by the Tudors.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Computer skills are used in most aspects of the curriculum and all the children will get the chance to use PCs and iPad as well as develop their skills and knowledge using computer technology. Year 5 and 6 will have a robotics day in March where they have lots of opportunities to solve problems using IT Miss Shibley will mainly be teaching computing.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>As well as the weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Garcia Key Stage 2 will have music with Miss Pelling which will compliment his teaching of listening and recalling the beats and structure of music.</p>

<p>French</p> 	<p>All Key Stage 2 will have French lessons with Miss Shibley. The focus will be on speaking French through games and songs, as well as some written activities about ourselves and our families</p>
<p>Homework</p> 	<p>Homework is sent home every week on Thursday for years 5 & 6 and Friday for years 3 & 4. Please take time to support your child with their homework. We welcome your feedback on the slip.</p>

We welcome parents to celebration assembly every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm.

Please do not hesitate to see us about any questions or queries you have..

We look forward to working with you in 2019 and making it a happy and successful year for our children.

Miss Shibley, Mrs McQueen and Miss Pelling