LKS2 Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2022

The LKS2 Team This Year Are...

Class Teachers
Mr Ali
Mrs Barnes
Mrs Madden

Teaching Assistants
Mrs Bingham
Mrs Brown
Mr Cook
Mrs Thomas

Key Dates To Remember This Term

Mon 5 Sept	Term 1 Starts
Thurs 22 Sept 3.30-	Meet The Teachers
Wed 12 Oct	Swindells Hindu Assembly
Wed 12 Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 21st Oct	Term 5 Ends 3.15pm

Welcome Back!

We hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready for a new school year. Welcome to our new families.

During this term we would like the children to settle into their classes and routines in order to have a happy and successful year. You can help by ensuring that they have had a good night's sleep, have eaten a hearty breakfast and arrive at school promptly and ready to learn.

When collecting your child at the end of the day, please ensure that their teacher can see you on the playground. If there is a change to collection arrangements then please inform the school office before the end of the day. Collection arrangements do need to be updated at the beginning of each academic year by emailing the school office.

Children can continue to earn house points for working hard, keeping our values and completing the Home Learning Challenges. We look forward to handing out the first bronze certificates and pen licences of the school year later this term.



Our topic this term is...

Potions

"Potion: a poison, a mixture, an aromatic brew, a vapour, a liquid or sticky goo.

Welcome to the amazing magical world of potions and their properties. Now scientists, beware. There are some powerful and deadly potions out there, dangerous, unpredictable or tragic (just ask Romeo and Juliet.) Use what you know about materials and their properties to create incredible potions in Professor Hazard's Potions class. Feeling sleepy? That orange juice did taste a little strange.."

Please come to the Meet The Teacher meeting on Thursday 22nd September at 3.30pm to learn more about the curriculum.

Notices - Please check the website for updates!

Spellings - Spellings and spelling patterns will be taught in school most days. We will not be sending spellings home. If you wish to practice spellings with your child please refer to the Y3/4 common exception words which can be found in your child's reading record.

Reading - Please remember to sign your child's reading record when they have read at home each day. We expect **all** children to read at least 5 times a week. Reading records should come in daily to allow teachers to communicate with you. Remember to read for a minimum of 4 times a week, each week, to become a Reading Star!

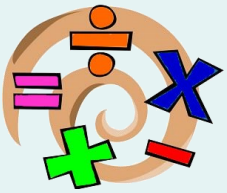
Times Tables - We will continue to do weekly 99 clubs in class. Practise sets are on the school website https://www.holyportprimaryschool.co.uk/holyports-99-club/ These will take place on a Thursday. Remember to login to TTRockStars to practice your times tables!! It is important to build up speed as well as recall. There are different sections to practise. Remember to jump onto TTR during a battle as well to get points for your class!

PE - Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on your child's PE days. Spare trainers can be kept in their lockers for break and lunchtimes.

Swindells = Monday & Wednesday **Stevenson = Monday & Friday**

Here is an overview of what our classes will cover in the different areas of the curriculum this term.

Mathematics:



Maths will continue to be taught in year groups. 99 Club will take place on a Thursday.

Year 3 will begin the year looking at the place value of 3-digit numbers. They will read and understand what each digit is worth and apply this knowledge in problem solving. The second half of the term will be spent on mental and written methods of addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1,000.

Year 4 will begin the year looking at the place values of 4-digit numbers. They will read and understand what each digit is worth and use this to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The second half of term will be spent of developing mental and written methods of addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers and applying this to problem solving.

Science:



This term Science we will be focusing on changes of state, looking closely at solids, liquids and gases. We will be conducting a range of experiments to explore this concept. We will also be looking at the properties of these materials and testing their viscosity.

RE:

This term we are exploring Hinduism. The children will learn about Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva and their consorts. We will share the key stories connected with these deities and discuss what Hindus learn about God and how Hindus turn to different deities at different times and occasions. This will be taught by Mrs Barnes.

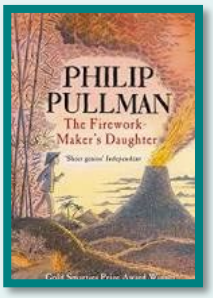
Music:

This term we will focus on rhythm and pulse. The children will look at creating their own rhythmic notations using crotchets, quavers and rests. This will be taught be Mrs. Madden.

Spanish:

This term the children will be learning or recapping *Greetings* before moving on to try some *Numbers 1–10.* The children will be taught through interactive speaking and listening games with some written work. This will be taught by Mr Ali.

Literacy:



This term's English will be based around the book, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. An exciting tale of a girl who goes on a quest to become a firework maker. There will be a variety of writing opportunities such as instruction writing, letter writing and diary writing. The children will continue to develop their reading comprehension, spelling, grammar and punctuation knowledge through targeted weekly lessons.

Art and DT:



Our Art and DT projects will have a potions theme which will include designing bottles, investigating 'The Love Potion' and making molecules.

PE:

The children will take part in netball and tagging and dodging games. This will include key fundamental skills, skills practice and game related practice.

History/Geography:



We will be finding out how potions (magical and medicinal) were used in the past. We'll be looking at what impact these had on the past and how medicine has progressed.

PSHE:



In PSHE we will be looking at a variety of topics, including myself, my emotions and my friends.

Computing:



In Computing the children will explore the concept of design and story animation. We will be using iLearn2.

Our Value this term is:

