LKS2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 - 2020

The LKS2 Team This Year Are...

Class Teachers:
Mrs Barnes
Mr Berry
Miss Horner
Mrs Madden

Class Assistants:
Mrs Barnard
Mrs Benham
Mrs Bingham
Mr Cook
Mr Hill
Mrs Real-Lage

Key Dates To Remember This Term

Monday 2nd November	Term 2 Starts
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
w/c 16th November	Anti-bullying Week
Thurs 3rd December	Flu Immunisation Day
Thurs 3rd December	Roman Dress Up Day
Friday 18th December	Term 2 Ends at 2.00pm

What a term it has been!

What an exciting and hardworking first term it has been. We have been very impressed with how the children have settled into their new and somewhat different routines. Well done! Longer break times have been much enjoyed and the children have embraced the extra exercise and fresh air. They have immersed themselves in the *Blue Abyss* topic and there have been many highlights, including Pirate Day and the talk sessions with the submariners. The classes created some very interesting and imaginative questions for our guests to answer on the day!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week so far - this has been very well deserved. Well done to all of the children who have been earning dojos. We have started to see our first flurry of Bronze certificates. The hard work in class, excellent behaviour and home learning has definitely paid off!

A huge congratulations goes to our first set of

Half Termly Achievers:
Dahl - Ridhaan
Swindellls - Juana
Stevenson - Paras



Our topic for this term is *I am Warrior!*

"I am Warrior! I am strong, brave and powerful. Meet me in a battle. Draw your sword, wield your axe and challenge me if you dare! Invade and attack, Romans versus the Celts, the fight is on…

Discover warring Britain: meet Claudius, Boudicca and Julius Caesar, and find out what the Romans did for us.

Get ready for Gladiator School and learn alongside Sparticus and Spiculus: brave fighters of the Roman Colosseum.

When all that battling makes you hungry, relax, lie back and feast yourself on dormice and grapes, or perhaps a roasted swan sprinkled with nuts?"

Notices - Please check the website for updates!

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. **Please do not bring in reading books from home.** We will provide books for your child to read in school. Please make sure these books only come back to school once read. Please see the appropriate recommended reading list for suggested texts.

Homework
In Year 3 & Year 4, the children will receive Maths and English / Topic homework alternate weeks. This will all be online, either through Mathletics or through Seesaw.

Homework will be set on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday please.

Please submit all homework using Seesaw and do not bring it into school.

Spellings
Spellings and spelling patterns will be taught in school. 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.

Times Tables
We will continue to do weekly 99 clubs in class.

Remember to login to TT RockStars to practice your times tables!!

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.

PE days:
Dahl - Monday & Wednesday
Swindells- Wednesday & Friday
Stevenson - Wednesday & Friday.

Pencil Cases
Please do not send a pencil case to school with your child. We will provide everything they need.

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 Friday.

Year 3 will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction methods. The children will focus on 3-digit numbers and problem solving using number facts and their knowledge of place value. The second half of the term will be spent on developing mental and written methods of multiplication and division.

Year 4 will begin the term looking at measuring length and perimeter. We will then move onto a big focus on Multiplication and Division, focusing on times tables, as well as practicing the inverse operations and learning strategies to help with our multiplication facts.

Science:

In Science we will investigating Animals including humans focussing on teeth and the digestive system. We will be investigating how toothpaste protects teeth and encouraging good mouth hygiene.

RE:



In RE this term we will be exploring the role of Mary in Christian life and in particular her role in the Christmas story.

Music:

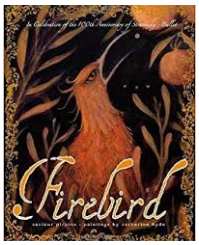
We will continue to identify and recognise a range of instruments, as well as which instrument family they belong to. We will then investigate and listen to Roman instruments. This will be taught be Mrs Madden.

Spanish:

This term the children will be learning and recapping hobbies and pets including numbers to 20. The children will be taught through interactive speaking and listening games with some written work. This will be taught be Miss Horner.



English:



This term's English will be based around the picture book, 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. We will be looking at letter writing, poetry, report writing and diaries. The children will focus on their individual targets to improve themselves further.

The children will revisit learnt skills and continue to develop their reading comprehension, spelling, grammar and punctuation knowledge each week.

Art and DT:



In our lessons we will look at a mosaics depicting gladiator scenes and designing our own. We will also be making Gladiator shields in DT.

PE:

This term the children will be take part in tagging and dodging, as well as tennis skills. We will be developing our agility, balance and coordination to help us in our sports. Please ensure your child arrives to school in their full PE kit on their allocated days.

History/Geography:

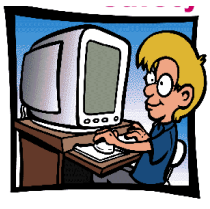
In History we will explore The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain and in Geography we will be comparing Britain and Italy, using maps and locational knowledge.

PSHE:



This term, we will be focusing on First Aid. We will be covering different topics and looking at the techniques. This will include: bites and stings, asthma, choking and head injuries. We will be teaching the children about each area and showing them valuable life skills and teaching them what to do in those situations.

Computing:



We are sticking with the theory side of computing, this term focusing on websites. We will research and then plan our own website design, thinking about all the characteristics it should have. This will be taught be Mr Berry.