

# Amethyst Summer News!

Dear Parents,

What a rate we are whizzing through this school year! A couple of weeks until SATs, followed by PGL, then shortly after, we are onto the final term of your child's primary education! It will be a wrench to see them go after so many years – they are the most delightful class and their efforts this year have been monumental. With the government setting targets way beyond last year's SATs, the children have just got on and tried their best with, for example, relative clauses, algebra, active and passive sentences and spellings which most adults would use spellcheck for. There is, however, light at the end of the tunnel (or year!) and the end of KS2 production is already high on Amethyst class' list of post-SAT priorities! Watch this space!

**Topic** Our topic for this term is 'The Romans!' and it will be kicking off tomorrow (Tuesday) with our trip to the Kent Museum of Life. Having been there for a WW2 day a couple of years ago, we can



guarantee it is much more exciting than it may sound! The day is packed with activities! Make sure you read the letter about the trip as the children have been asked to arrive **early (8.40 am)** to ensure the coach leaves in good time. Packed lunches are best put into disposable bags, school uniform OR costume must be worn and spending money is allowed. **DON'T FORGET COATS!!**

wiseGEEK Our science this term is 'Evolution' where the children will be looking at how early life evolved. If you have any queries or concerns about this topic, please see Mrs Coeshall after school.

Arabella, from the Baptist church, has now completed her very popular Bible Explorers sessions and we will be continuing to learn about Sikhism and the birthday of the Christian Church -Pentecost.

Maths and English continue to be linked as closely as possible to topic and the children should already be comfortable with their Roman numerals. In the spirit of the Romans we have adopted some Greek myths for our writing inspiration, as the Roman myths were not very exciting. There were lots of fantastic versions of Pandora's Box being written – try asking your child what was in their box?! Happily, the stories had perfectly punctuated direct speech in them too!

## **Homework**

Despite pleas, homework is still not coming back on time. Especially in the run-up to SATs, can you please make sure it is being completed. It gives valuable practice, as the maths homework is EXACTLY the same as the arithmetic paper they will be sitting, and the SPAG questions are very similar.

## **Well done!**

Well done to those who took the Bikeability course two weeks ago - the man who ran it commented on what a great group you were. One of his comments was, "They were really nice kids!" 😊

The Healthy Living visitor was very impressed last term too with Amethyst Class' polite manners and knowledge of healthy living - especially when she heard about the spaghetti bolognese recipes!

Kind regards,

Mrs Coeshall , Mrs Craddock and Mrs Down