

Summer Term Newsletter 2016



Topaz Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new and exciting summer term packed with lots of interesting things!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday and are refreshed for the new term!

Our topics for the summer term will be:

<u>Summer 1: 'Let it Grow'</u>	<u>Summer 2: 'Splish Splash Splosh!'</u> (including our trip to Chatham Dockyards)
<p>Science: Plants and Growing/Light and Dark/Nocturnal animals</p> <p>Outdoor learning: regeneration of a section of the Wildlife Area</p> <p>R.E.: Christianity: The Lord's Prayer</p> <p>History/Geography: Invention of the lightbulb (Thomas Edison), fieldwork skills</p> <p>D.T./Art: shadow puppets, observational drawings, wax pictures</p> <p>I.C.T.: Programming</p> <p>Music: Use of instruments</p> <p>P.E.: BEAM & games</p>	<p>Science: Living things & their habitats: Under the Sea</p> <p>R.E.: Christianity: The New Testament</p> <p>History/Geography: the history of the seaside, Christopher Columbus, life at sea, continents, seas/oceans.</p> <p>Art/DT: making sea creatures, painting underwater scenes,</p> <p>I.C.T.: Data</p> <p>Music: Exploring sounds, including through water, making water flutes</p> <p>P.E.: BEAM & athletics</p>

Requests and reminders...

We are getting creative this term and would very much appreciate some donations if you are able to help us out! Flyers will be sent out very shortly for all the different things so keep an eye out for them!

If your child produces any work on these topics at home, please feel free to send it in, as it is always nice to share this with the other children in the class.

Children will continue to change their own reading books regularly. The Reading Contact books are monitored daily. Please note that your child should be reading at least 3 times a week at home, and this should be logged in their Reading Contact books each time.

Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly on a Friday. Alongside spellings Home Learning will continue to be given each week. Again it is very important that your child completes the homework that is set as it supports their learning within the classroom. I am impressed with the quality of the homework the children have been producing so keep it up!

Please keep practicing the phonics word cards that were sent home before the Easter holidays, by sounding the phonemes out and blending them together. Your child should now be familiar with the term 'alien word' and be able to recognise them. 'PhonicsPlay' is an excellent resource on the internet and has free games your child can play at home to reinforce this.

P.E. kits should be left in school at all times please. Your child's P.E. kit for the Summer term should include a pair of black shorts, a white t-shirt and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written in these items. As the weather now warmer, PE lessons are likely to be outside.

For health and safety reasons, we do insist that long hair is tied back. It is a good idea to provide your child with a spare hairband in the instance that theirs breaks or falls out.

As the warmer weather is among us, please provide your child with a named water bottle each day, in addition to any drink they may have in their lunchbox. In hot, sunny weather we suggest the children bring a cap or hat for the times they are outside.

P.E.	Monday and Tuesday (until half term) then Tuesday and Thursday.
Home Learning & spellings set	Friday
Home Learning due in	Thursday (Spellings tested Friday)

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cooper, Mrs Jenman & Mrs Rundle