

## Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2024

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2024.

We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting events, especially our visit to Skern Lodge outdoor Adventurous Activity Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February. We have planned a range of activities to challenge the children and build team spirit and I will be sending an information letter and kit list in due course.

This term we will be studying the Roman period in history which follows on from last term's topic of Stone Age to iron Age. We will be looking at ways in which the developments the Romans made have influenced Britain and the progress that they brought to the world.

In English we will be writing stories, producing factual leaflets and writing poetry about a river based on several key texts which the children will study during the lessons. We will also be focussing on reading for pleasure and looking at texts to understand what they are about, how we know what is happening next and looking for clues which help us to understand and predict.

In Maths we will be working on multiplication, division and fractions which are all closely linked with times tables. It is really important for children to learn and be able to recall their times tables quickly and I will be setting them challenges each week. We try and learn the tables in sequence and make links between them so the suggested order is 2,5, and 10 times tables, 3,6,9 and then 4 and 8, and finishing with 7, 11 and 12 times tables. The children have to know up to 12 x 12 by the summer term of year 4 and this will support them in many aspects of their mathematical thinking.

In geography we will be looking at our most precious resource of water and its availability and use in the world.

Mr Hamilton will be teaching the ukulele this term in Class two. We have hired these from Devon Music Service and they are great fun to learn to play.

We will continue to study computing and art and Mrs Fenton will be teaching design technology this half term and French next half term whilst I have planning time.

Our Class Two team of Mrs Fenton, Ms Desbois, Ms Sanders and Mrs Barrell will continue to support all the children, and will be taking a team approach to support our children with additional needs. We are lucky to have such a strong team and wealth of experience and expertise to support the whole class in all of

their learning needs. Mrs Wilson will continue to teach PE and the children need to have their PE kits on Wednesday and Trainers every day to change into. Year 3 will have Forest School this half term on Wednesday afternoons and Year will have Forest School next half term. The children will be able to earn dojo points by having the right kit on the right day and for wearing the correct school uniform including school shoes during the rest of the week. We are encouraging them to know what they need and on which day, and will support the class by letting the children know what they need.

We look forward to a busy and exciting term. If you have any questions please message us on dojo.

Kind regards,

Kate Slocombe.