



Palm Class Newsletter Autumn Term 1



Dear Pupils, Parents & Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed lots of sunshine and fun. A special welcome to all parents of our fantastic Year 3 children who have settled into Key Stage 2 so well this week! The Year 4's have been working exceptionally hard to teach them routines and they have all done brilliantly. With such a hard-working bunch of children, I can already tell that this year is going to be very special. Attached is a timetable and overview of the curriculum for this term. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me in school. If teaching has already begun please make an appointment at the office - our door is always open!

Curriculum

This term Palm Class will be going back in time to relevantly recent history and exploring how Britain changed during the Second World War. It is a very exciting topic and we are looking forward to learning more. The wider curriculum will be linked to this topic including our D&T work on 'Make Do & Mend', Music lessons with Miss Harris and the studies of our class texts in our English and Reading sessions. In Maths our focus will be on place value and calculations this term. In R.E we will investigate important Christian festivals such as Harvest and Christmas.

Home Learning

Home learning activities will be sent home on a Wednesday. These will sometimes be Maths, English or topic based but will always have a link to what

we have learnt about in class. Please encourage your children to do their home learning activity and return it to school by the following Tuesday at the latest; although they can return it any time up until then.

Spellings

Spellings will be tested on a Friday and new spelling lists will be sent home for testing the following Friday. We will work on these during teaching time during the week. Please be aware that although we send home a list of 'words' which are tested, we are working on applying the spelling rule as a whole, including in independent writing. If your children are comfortable with the weeks spelling list, please encourage them to write the words within sentences; to find words with the spelling pattern in reading books, or in the world around them.

SMIRFs

Children have begun to get back into the swing of SMIRFs this week. We will continue to have designated SMIRF time on a Tuesday and a Thursday and will endeavour to test every child each week.

Reading

The highly successful 'Reading Raffle' will continue so please ensure you read with your child as much as possible. There has been lots of wonderful reading at home, but please make sure the reading record is signed by an adult so children can be entered into the prize draw. We will aim to check reading records daily.

The Palm Class Team

Miss Hallett will join us in Palm Class every morning.

Mrs Martin will support in Palm Class every afternoon.

On a Tuesday afternoon the children will be taught P.E by Mr Powell and Music by Mrs Harris.

Mrs Wolfe, Mrs Buggy and Miss Hallett will teach the children on a Friday morning.

Mr Buggy and Mrs Martin will accompany the children swimming on a Friday afternoon.

Useful Information

- Children are provided with a named plastic cup but may be provided with a water bottle if you wish.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Please remember that trainers / wellies may be required for play on the timber trail / field.
- Children may bring a healthy snack for break time if they wish.

If you have any questions - please remember our door is always open!

Kind regards,

Mr Donaldson, Miss Hallett & Mrs Martin