

YEAR 6- SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Thank you for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of term. We hope you had a good holiday and are well rested.

This term our topic work is based on the artwork of the famous British artist, David Hockney, whilst in history we will be looking at the developments in Crime and Punishment in Britain since 1066. We will link this learning across the curriculum to enable the children to produce some interesting and insightful work.

In Maths, the children will continue to work in their set groups, beginning with a focus on fractions and moving onto ratio work and use of number and calculation to solve reasoning problems.

In Science we will be studying 'Living things and their Habitats' and as part of this we will be visiting the Greenwich Ecology Park. More details will follow regarding this later in the term.

Our literacy this term will cover many aspects. As part of this, we have organised a trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum in London to take part in a 'Literacy Live' workshop in February. Darwin Class will take part in this on **Wednesday 8th February**, whilst Banneker Class will make the trip on **Wednesday 22nd February**. We're hoping this will be a fun way of extending the children's learning.

We would like to remind you that all children need a reading folder so that they can bring a reading book home each evening. This is something that we feel is vital to the children making progress and hope that they are making sufficient time at home to develop their reading skills.

For indoor PE, your child needs a **plain white T shirt and blue or black well-fitting shorts**, leotard or leggings. These are to be brought to school in a small kit bag at the beginning of each half term and taken every half term to be washed. During the colder weather, children will also need joggers, a sweat shirt and trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games. After the success of the Muay Thai sessions last term, the New Cross Martial Arts Centre instructors will return and deliver some Judo sessions. These will take place on alternate weeks for Banneker and Darwin classes on a Monday afternoon – the children are very excited!

The children will be using a new home learning grid this term based around our topics. They will need to select an activity of their choice from the grid and date the activity they have chosen for that week. We will continue to send spellings home each week that practise a rule or pattern that we have been learning in school.

We hope the children are beginning to get some good use from the study books given out at the beginning of the year and look forward to another good term of learning.

If you have anything you wish to talk to us about, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

Thank you for your support.
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