

## Spring Curriculum Letter 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all. This promises to be a great term and we have lots to get through. I was very excited and pleased to see all the boats the children made over the holidays. It's a great start to our topic this term.

**Literacy.** We will be concentrating on one text called 'The Highwayman'. Through this text we will be linking our art and music and it will also include lots of drama. Spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday and the children will be assessed the following Friday. They should all have their spellings and will have moved up a level. Guided reading will be undertaken regularly. The children will bring home a reading book from school and are expected to read at least 4 times a week at home. They will be rewarded for this in the form of stickers, which contribute to their merit cards.

**Numeracy-** will focus on the core areas of number, shape space and measure and data handling.

**Science** - We will be studying light and sound and linking this to our work on the Spanish Armada and rivers. The children will learn that light travels in straight lines and can not travel through solid objects.

**Arts and Humanities-** Our topic this half term will be warfare and how it has changed over the years with a special emphasis on the Spanish Armada. The children have already made some fabulous boats over Christmas and we will be extending our art and D.T. along these lines. Our geography will have a focus around map work and where we are in the world

**R.E** - We will be looking at Sikhism

**Music-** will be related to Literacy and working on rhythm and sound. We will also make links to our science and how sound travels.

**P.E** - We are very lucky to be attending a P.E. conference immediately after half term and will therefore be practising and perfecting our dance from last term. Details of this will follow later in the term.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday for completion by the following Wednesday. Homework handed in after this day will not be marked and your child may be asked to stay in at lunchtime to complete it. If your child has any problems with the homework I would appreciate it if you could let me know before the hand in date.

We encourage children to take regular small drinks of water during the day as this has been shown to be of great benefit both to children's health and their powers of concentration. Water (not juice or squash) should be brought in a named plastic bottle and will be available at regular intervals throughout the day. Drinks of squash or juice should be for lunchtimes only.

So this promises to be a busy but rewarding term. I look forward to seeing you throughout the term to celebrate the children's achievements and work and hope that you will visit us in class to see how we are progressing. If you have any issues you need to discuss throughout the term please don't hesitate to come in.

Yours sincerely

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