

April Newsletter Year 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our April Newsletter. We will take this opportunity to inform you of some key issues for April. Please remember healthy eating days on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and encourage children to wear full school uniform.

Easter holidays – School closes on Holy Thursday 1st April at 11 o'clock and re-opens on Monday 12th April. Children are off on Friday 30th April for staff training and school is closed on Monday 3rd May.

Curriculum Content for April

Literacy

This month our Talking and Listening activities are related to our topics of Hot and Cold Climates, Spring and introduce Colour and light. We will continue to provide opportunities for children to participate in shared, guided and independent reading. Please continue to hear your child read aloud each night and encourage them to read with expression. Children will be given opportunities this month to write for a variety of purposes to include an acrostic poem about rainforests, shared writing about Deserts and descriptive writing about my favourite colour. In class we have been using dictionaries to increase vocabulary and looking at alphabetical order. Please encourage your child to use a dictionary for sentence homeworks.

Numeracy

In class we will be revising money to 20p/50p and beginning money up to 99p. We will make amounts, count coins, buy 2 items and give change. This will include problem solving and adding of 3 amounts. Please encourage your child to count money at home and allow opportunities to buy items and count change. We will revise subtraction of tens and units and introduce Decomposition – more information will follow. We ask you to continue revising number facts each night to assist with daily thinking maths.

World Around Us

In World Around us we will continue to look at Hot Places e.g. Rainforests and Deserts. We will compare and contrast our climate and environment with theirs. We will study animals and plants and features of their landscape. We will then introduce cold places e.g. Arctic and Antarctica and discuss their weather, homes and lifestyles. We will continue our seasonal work and observe signs of Spring.

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (PDMU)

This month we will discuss our lifestyle and empathise with Tribal people from the Rainforests and Inuit children from the Arctic . We will discuss how fortunate we are.

P.E.

Please remind your child to wear their P.E. gear on the following days:

P3A Thursdays & Fridays

P3B Tuesdays

P3C Thursdays & Fridays

The Arts

Children will engage in a Hot seating activity where they will adopt the role of an interviewer or a Tribal/Inuit child. Children will individually create a collage depicting a Spring scene.

Please visit our website regularly as all this information and more will be posted on the website with regular updates and news of upcoming school events.

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