



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4 of this Academic year. Below is an overview for this forthcoming term.

Language, Literacy and Oracy:

Traditional Stories, Myths and Legends: The children will study a variety of fables, myths and legends. They will decide what constitutes a myth, fable or legend and how they can use this information to make up their own.

As part of Book week, children will study and read the novel *Once*.

Mathematics:

The children will work on identification of multiples, factors, prime numbers and prime factors. They will solve problems which require knowing percentage and decimal equivalents of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{2}{5}$, $\frac{4}{5}$. They will identify 3-D shapes, including cubes and other cuboids, estimate and compare acute, obtuse and reflex angles. Draw given angles, and measure them in degrees as well as construct 2D shapes using a range of mathematical equipment. They will also solve word problems based on the subject of telling the time in both 12 hour and 24 hour format.

Below is a good website for Mental Maths:

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths

Science and Technology:

Life Cycles: Children will be studying life cycles of plants and animals as well as looking at life processes. This will include – parts of a plant as well as pollination and fertilisation: how flowers reproduce.

Physical and Emotional Health:

The children will begin to look at bat and ball based games such as cricket and softball. There will be some opportunity to use the apparatus in the hall.

Place and Time:

The children will study Ancient Rome and in particular the lasting impression they left on Britain. We will study the life of a Roman soldier as well as that of gladiators, Emperors and everyday Romans and Celts. As well as this, we will study major events during this period such as Pompei and the invasion of Britain. They will study what the Romans introduced to Britain and how they have shaped our lives even today.

Useful website - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zqtf34j>

Arts and Creativity:

They will work on the theme of “What’s in a name?” for Art where they will study how lettering has been incorporated into works of Art.

Ethics and Citizenship:

Our topic is Tolerance and Prejudice. The children will learn about prejudice and how to respect differences in others. They will study the difference in the lifestyles of different communities

Faith and Belief:

Christianity: Children will study the Easter story.

Finally

The work covered in our Breakfast 'Booster Club' is generated by the needs of the children; topics chosen are either ones that the children have experienced difficulty with in the classroom or alternatively are ones that all children traditionally find hard. There is noticeable improvement in the progress of children who attend regularly. Unfortunately there are still a number of children in Year 5 who do not attend. If you are not sending your child at the moment I do urge you to reconsider; children who have attended these classes in the past have definitely got better SATs results in Year 6. Classes run from Monday – Thursday.

Yours faithfully

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