



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to the Summer term, I hope you had a great Easter break and are raring to go. We're now looking forward to summer and our trips to Hounslow Urban Farm and the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Phase 5 phonics lessons continue with activities related to the sounds and spellings we are learning. We start the term looking at different animals and researching in different ways to find information, using a variety of media. After half term we will be using our class trips to Hounslow Urban Farm and the Chiltern Open Air Museum to write our own recounts, using time connectives and a range of punctuation.

Maths

The children are developing their skills using money, buying items and finding the change in practical ways. We also look at how to solve mathematical problems and record how they have done this. Later in the term we revise number and calculating using written and practical methods to solve division questions. In Term 6 we revise our knowledge of data handling, ways to collect information and how to transfer it into charts and graphs.

The World

This term's theme is 'South Africa'. We will locate South Africa on a map and the globe and create and decorate South African necklaces and headdresses. We will find out about life of children in South Africa and how it may differ to ours in terms of culture, schooling and landscape. We will also taste traditional South African foods. After half term we move on to learn about Animals, their habitats and how they are used in today's society compared with 100 years ago. Our trips to Hounslow Urban Farm and the Chiltern Open Air Museum provide excellent opportunities to learn about different animals.

Physical Development

We will use our agility and coordination already learnt to focus on skills required in Athletics. We begin with ensuring we are running efficiently and learn about the variety of distances and key attributes needed. We learn to throw the discus, javelin and shot putt as well as jumping in a variety of ways, increasing their awareness of speed distance and accuracy. Children will also take part in challenges and competitions against themselves and their classmates.

Citizenship and Ethics

In term 5 we are studying 'Relationships' and how children learn to deal with a range of situations. We read stories about being proud or jealous in different contexts and how to cope with and manage their feelings. As we prepare to move to a new class in Term 6, our theme is 'Changes'. We discuss the needs and concerns of the children as they grow, develop and change. We learn to understand that some changes take a long time and others happen quickly, but that change is a continuous thing.

Art and Creativity

Through our South African theme we will be creating our own headdresses and silhouettes of African animals. Children also have opportunities to investigate with a variety of instruments as well as being creative through role play and drama within our Language and Literacy work.

Faith and Belief

This term we will be learning about Judaism. We will be learning to empathise with Jewish children by understanding what they do during Shabbat and why it is important to them.

Homework

Well done with the great reading with your child on a daily basis, this is making a huge impact, keep it up! Any queries or questions, please feel free to see us or make an appointment through Mrs Bailey.

Best regards for the coming term.

Miss Wetherell and Mr Moore.

Useful websites to share with your child:

www.mathszone.co.uk

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/science.shtml

www.scienceactivities.co.nz/gamesactivities.html

www.primarygames.com/math.php