



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3 of this Academic year. Below is an overview for this forthcoming term.

English:

The children will be writing observational poetry on The Bee using vivid imagery and ambitious vocabulary. They will also be studying the mathematicians, Fibonacci and Ada Lovelace. The children will be writing short biographies and Non-Chronological reports, with an emphasis on brackets/dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis. They will also use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, why or whose. The children will learn two tier 2 words (ambitious vocabulary) and use these in their everyday writing. Our class reader for this term will be 'The iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

Maths:

The children will cover a wide range of topics including: Geometry – angles in a triangle and on a straight line; Statistics – interpreting and reading data from a range of different bars, charts and graphs and Number - solving multi-step word problems involving the four operations and fractions, decimals and percentages. They will also look at inverse operations as well as negative numbers and sequences. It is vital that your child knows their times tables for all of this work, please practise with them regularly. They will study mathematicians Ada Lovelace and Fibonacci.

Science:

Materials -

Children will be looking at and comparing everyday materials on the basis of their properties and giving reasons based on evidence from comparative and fair tests. Children will be recording data and results of increasing complexity, using scientific diagrams, labels, classifications keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.

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.

Physical and Emotional Health:

The children will focus on invasion games, in particular on the skills and tactics on different sports including the importance of possession. We will also do a little gymnasium work.

Arts and Creativity:

Art will be based around Fibonacci, where his sequences are seen in everyday life. The children will create their own patterns and present them for display. The children will also continue from term 2, in their study of famous buildings by sketching the Colosseum.

Ethics and Citizenship: The children will continue to learn about Democracy, Parliament and the Magna Carta.

Faith and Belief:

This term's topic is Hinduism - Do sacred texts have to be true to help people understand their religion. Can the Arts help communicate religious beliefs?

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 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

Mrs Brown, Mrs Herr & Mrs Din