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Rosen Class Newsletter
Term 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the Class Information Meeting held yesterday, I wanted to write to you all with some important updates for this term as well as providing you with information regarding work that will be covered from across the curriculum.

Reading

As mentioned at the meeting yesterday, we have now completed the process of 'benchmarking' each child and this has given us a better idea of the level your child is now reading at. They will soon be bringing home a 'colour banded' reading book each week which they can use to practice their reading. Please continue to listen to your child read and support them with this.

Phonics

Phonics continues to be taught daily in Year 2 until the end of this term. Last term we carried out a 'screening' check with each child and, following the results of this, intervention groups for those who need it are running this term. At the end of this term we will be screening the children again. I have uploaded the 2019 Phonics Screening Check paper to Google Classroom for you to use at home to quiz your child on their sounds; this is the paper we will be using to help screen the children at the end of this term and so will be a useful resource.

Writing

Our writing work in Rosen class this term is based around the text 'Traction Man'; the class are currently working on a three-week fiction unit of work planned by myself, the main outcome of this will be to recreate the story in their own words. Following this they will be looking at a 3 week non-fiction unit of writing, also based around the same book.

Geography & Science

The main them for our wider curriculum work this term is 'Climate Change'. The children will be working to answer the questions: 'How is our climate changing?'. The table below demonstrates the knowledge that we will be aiming each child in Rosen class to have gained or consolidated by the end of this term:

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Geography	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The country I live in is called England• I go to school in Pilning, a village in England• England is a country in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)• Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales) is an island – it is surrounded by seas: Irish Sea, North Sea, English Channel• Use the compass points to describe the continents in relation to each other e.g. Asia is to the east of Europe and to the north of Australia• Be able to find the five oceans and seven continents using map skills using both an atlas and a globe• Be able to use Google Earth to find Pilning, zoom out to see the whole of the UK, zoom out to see the whole of Europe, zoom out to see the Earth and then discuss what you notice about your observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A habitat is a place where living things, such as animals and plants, can find all of the things they need to survive. This includes food, water, air, space to move and grow and some shelter• Some habitats are large, like the ocean, and some are very small, such as under a log• Some habitats in our local area include the river and woodlands• Other habitats include the coast and the forest• Microhabitats are very small habitats where minibeasts may live• Examples of microhabitats include under stones, in grass, under fallen leaves and in the soil• Minibeasts that can be found there include worms, snails, ants, centipedes, millipedes and butterflies; they can help to keep the microhabitat healthy• Animals and plants depend on each other to survive• Birds need worms to survive; worms are therefore a source of food for birds. This is an example of the food chain• All living things have a part to play in food chains. Without them, other animals and plants may not be able to survive

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom every Friday. In addition to Maths and Spelling practice, there will be an additional task linked to their curriculum work for children to look at that will vary from week to week.

PE

Rosen class will be having two hours of PE this term: one hour on a Monday afternoon and another on a Thursday afternoon. Your child will need to come to school on these days in their PE kit.

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RE

In RE this term Rosen Class are studying Incarnation and researching various sources to answer the question, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'.

Finally, many thanks for your continued support. I understand that it has not been the ideal start to the year for your child due to staffing inconsistency. Unfortunately, this is not something we can control due to the circumstances, however I hope the above information demonstrates that your child is still receiving a broad and balanced curriculum that will ensure they continue making good progress on their learning journey.

If you would like to discuss any of the above in more detail, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mr Buckley