

Lower KS2 Newsletter

Learn, Desire, Inspire

Welcome to the Lower KS2 Spring newsletter

On behalf of all the staff, may we thank you for the generous gifts we received at Christmas. We were utterly spoilt, we have eaten our own body weight in chocolate and wine and have sworn off any treats until Easter.

This term our topic is 'Weather.' Years 3 & 4 will be 'Weather Watchers' looking at our weather here and abroad.

After half term we will be reading various poetry and looking at the story book 'MouseHole' by Antonia Barber.



Topics for 2016/17 terms:

STONES 'N' BONES

Autumn Term

Geography, History,
Art/DT, RE

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WEATHER WATCHERS

Spring Term

Geography, History, RE,
Art/DT

2

ANCIENT EGYPTIANS

Summer Term

History, Geography, RE,
Art

3

Geography this term - the children will be investigating how climates and weather conditions vary around the world. They will be identifying countries, continents & oceans of the world on a map. We will then move on to the location of rainforests and their relationship to the Equator. Further investigation will be taken upon the make up of the rainforests and research the destruction of the rainforest.



Dates for your
diary:

Hockey Festival
for selected
children-
25th Jan

Parents Evening
7-9th February

Break for half
term
10th February

Return to School
20th February

Grandparents
Morning
16th March

End of Term
31st March



Please continue to listen to your child read on a regularly basis, ensuring to sign their reading record. These are checked frequently.

We encourage the children to read a variety of genres; this could be magazines, poems and non-fiction texts.

It is of paramount importance that children are fluent with their times tables up to x12, starting with x2/5/10. This includes learning the related division facts. Certificates will be awarded in school.



In Science we will be investigating how materials can be classified into different states and understanding the water cycle. The children will learn through practical tasks, that materials change state when they are heated or cooled and will be able to describe this process using scientific language.

This term in computing the children will learn to describe early forms of animation before computers and how computers have made a difference. The children will create a short computer animation using one or more moving stick figures. They will use a camera to create a short stop-motion animation film.



In Art - we will be analysing Rousseau's Surprise painting and being budding artists ourselves. The children will be experimenting

with colour and layering to produce a composition with depth. Finally, the children will produce a composition inspired by a famous artwork.



Homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. All homework is posted onto the class webpage incase your child forgets their homework books. Homework club will be on a Tuesday from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please write a short note in your child's homework book giving permission if you wish for them to attend.

Clubs and activities

As always at Overstone, we like to offer a selection of extra-curricular activities for your children. Clubs continue week commencing 23rd January.

PE and Games

During the first half of the term, we are fortunate to have a basketball coach in school working with both Year groups. Consequently, the Games sessions are now split over a Thursday and Monday for both classes. Please ensure indoor and outdoor kits are in school all week. Some children are arriving without adequate outdoor kit, which includes trainers and a warm navy tracksuit as outlined, in the Uniform policy.