

Mrs Katie's class - Spring 2006 newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR - WISHING EVERYONE THE BEST FOR 2006!



- Welcome to Emma Jacobs who has joined our class this term! She has moved here from Boston with her family. Her sister Julia will be joining the Grade 3 class with Miss Sian.
- Welcome back to Xavier and Zantore Buoy! We hope you enjoyed your first term in England. Xavier will be in our class and Zantore in Grade 3.

Curriculum for the January and early February 2006:

Literacy - ongoing phonics work through Letterland, full cursive handwriting, descriptive writing (characters, settings, objects and so on), poetry, rhythm and rhyme, comparing story themes, reading and writing flow charts and process diagrams, using dictionaries and glossaries, reading aloud with expression and tone.

Numeracy - place value (HTU), number patterns, sequences, 2, 5 and 10 times tables, doubling, halving, 2D and 3D shape names and features, measuring mass in kg.

The children will also be learning:

Athletics (with Miss Viviane), gymnastics (with Miss Shara and myself), about tempo and dynamics in music, forces and movement as well as animals and their habitats in Science, and drawing animals in Art (all with Miss Viviane), different continents and countries around the world in Social Studies, controlling a floor turtle (robot) in ICT, and how to work together as a team in

Birthdays

This month, we celebrate Senga's 8th birthday on 27th January. Happy birthday Senga!

Please remember that if you want to bring in food for your child's class on their birthday, please ensure it is "healthy" - see the recent school newsletter for more on this!



Homework - important!

I will be introducing the children this week to the idea of a diary or journal and asking that they write in it twice a week from now on. They will need to use one of those times to write a few sentences about a book they have read that week, and the other time, write a few sentences of news relating to something they have done or learned that week. Please use this opportunity with your child to practise common spelling with them and ensure they use simple punctuation correctly.

They will also have between 6 and 10 spellings to learn each week. Please ensure you use the strategy given in the front of their spelling books and also ask them to write out the word 8 times, in order to maximise the chance that it will stay in their long-term memory.

REMINDERS:

Please ensure your child has a hat with his/her name on it every day at school.

Your child should come dressed in his/her sports uniform on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, with their blue uniform in a bag to change into after sports.

All homework will be set on Tuesday and should be handed in by the following Monday, at the latest, to allow time for marking. Thank you!