

Spring Newsletter

Grade 4/5

Happy New Year to Everyone!

Welcome back to school in 2006! I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas break and were able to stick to all the New Year's Resolutions you made!

After all the hard work on the Christmas play I am sure that everyone was ready for a break. I would like to thank the children for all the hard work they put in last term and I hope that everyone is back refreshed and ready to learn! I would like to welcome two new children into our class, Scout and Oscar. They have made a very good start to the term and have settled in well. I hope that they continue to enjoy their time in grade 4/5.

Just a reminder that clubs will be starting again at the end of January. There will be a few new clubs which might be of interest to the grade 4/5's. All will be revealed at the end of January!

Keep on reading to learn more about what will be happening this term!

Enjoy the term!



Mrs Sara.



Testing!

In the next few weeks Mr. Michael and I will be setting mock SAT tests for the grade 4-6's to monitor the children's progress and identify areas in which the children need to improve. This will allow me to set targets for the children in both numeracy and literacy and it will also be good practice for the tests the children will be taking in May.

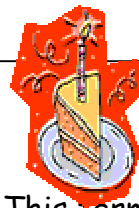
The Curriculum this half term:

Literacy - This term we will be starting with Myths and Legends. This will also relate to our social studies topic on Ancient Greece. Students will write their own versions of myths and legends. The children will also be reading traditional stories and fables and exploring the differences between oral and written storytelling.

Mathematics - Our first few topics will be place value, multiplication and division, and fractions.

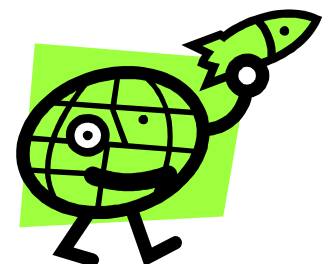
Science - Mr Michael will continue to teach the year 4/5 Science this term, the topic for this term will be 'Keeping Healthy'.

ICT - As part of ICT we will continue to use Excel and also Microsoft Access, collecting data and making our own.



Happy Birthday

This term Richard will be celebrating his 10th birthday on the 9th Feb, Etosha on the 28th Feb, Ben on the 13th March, and Luis on the 26th of March. So Happy Birthday to you!



Social Studies - Our topic for this term will be Ancient Greeks, this will be linked in with our literacy and also Art and Design technology. In this topic the children will find out the influence the Ancient Greeks have on our lives today. They will also be comparing the past society with present day.

Design and Technology - Miss Vivianne will be focusing on making musical instruments this term.

PE - Tuesdays will continue to be gymnastics/dance with Miss Sara and Miss Shara in the studio at Graceway Sports Centre and Mr Michael will be working on athletics on Thursdays in a lead up to the sports day. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit for these days. If they do not have their kit, then they will be unable to take part in lessons due to health and safety issues.

RE - In Grade 4-6 Assemblies, I will be working with the children looking at how the beliefs of Christians affect their actions. Mr Michael will be working with the children discussing their rights and responsibilities.

Music - The class will be learning how to read music with Ms Alison.

Whole School Focus - As a whole school, we will be focusing on manners and decorum and the way in which we interact with each other as children, adults and citizens. This is part and parcel of the children's development as the oldest children in the school, taking responsibility and making appropriate decisions. There will also be a whole school focus on healthy eating.



Healthy Eating!

As a follow up to the whole school newsletter I would like to remind you that there will be no hot school lunches throughout January. We are also trying to promote healthy eating in the school so the healthier the packed lunches the children bring to school, the better!



Homework and reading

Homework will continue to be set on Tuesdays and handed in on Mondays. If it is not completed, I will expect your child to work on it in their break times. I urge you to encourage your children to complete some of their homework each night -- little and often is the key!!!!

READING - I expect a little reading to be completed most nights. The children should be aiming for at least 100 minutes a week. Please continue to listen and encourage your child read as often as you can.

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to come and speak to me.

Kind regards, Mrs. Sara.

