

Key Dates for Lime Class

Monday

PE Kit
needed.
Spelling test
and new
spellings
given out.

Tuesday

PE kit
needed.

Thursday

English and
Maths
homework
due in.

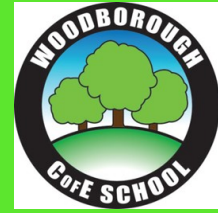
Friday

New
homework
given out.
Homework
diaries
checked for
reading
success
stamps.

*Please note
that reading
books and
homework
diaries are
needed in
school
everyday.*

Lime Class Term 5 Newsletter

April 2015



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing Easter and enjoyed all the sunshine we had! The following information should allow you to follow the work of the children throughout the term and enable you to support your child as much as possible.

Our topic for this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. For this topic we will be looking at the life cycles of flowering and non-flowering plants as well as a variety of animals. As always, there will be plenty of 'hands on' opportunities for the children and we will be planting peas and trying to propagate plants. In term six our topic will be geography based focussing on North or South America. Where possible, our topics will be taught in a cross curricular way and as part of our English unit the children will be writing non-chronological reports for an aspect of our topic. For our science based topic we will be carrying out lots of scientific enquiries which allows for a rich cross curricular opportunity with mathematics.

Our PE units this term are hockey (taught by Mrs Hams) and rounders. These sessions will take place on Monday and Tuesday, with the occasional session on a Friday. It will be necessary for the children to have PE kit for indoor and **outdoor** activities. Can you please ensure that the children have appropriate outdoor PE kit as we do try and use the field for one session per week, regardless of weather. Please also ensure that your child has socks in their PE kit.

Throughout the summer term we will be exploring Islam in our RE unit. Firstly we will learn about the five pillars of Islam and consider how these allow Muslims to be part of a community. Following this unit we will continue to focus on Islam by considering how religion can help build a fair world.

We will be continuing to use iPads and laptops throughout the term to support the children's learning. Our computing units this term include 'We are artists' and 'We are web developers'. These are exciting opportunities for the children to increase their understanding of technology as well as learning about how to use digital devices and the internet safely and appropriately.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that there is a KS2 workshop and information evening for parents on Tuesday 14th April at 7pm. You are encouraged to attend this meeting as it will include all the information you need about how the school are going to teach spelling. You will also pick up some helpful hints and tips about how to support your child with spelling at home.

The children are encouraged to have a positive attitude towards homework and to present it as carefully as they would their classwork. For the summer term, homework will consist of a Maths, English and spelling activity. Children are expected to **read at least three times a week** and this should be recorded by an adult signing their homework diary and leaving a comment. When this has been done they are rewarded with a success stamp. Can I also stress the importance of times tables practice at home. The children in KS2 attempt the Multiplication Challenge at the end of each term and it would be great to see lots more of Lime Class pupils continuing to achieve their awards and sharing their success in School Meeting.

If you have any concerns then please do get in touch so that any issues can be dealt with immediately. If you can spare anytime to help out in class during the school year then please let me know. Any help is always greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Johanson.