



# Gallery Rebels

Class EP Newsletter  
Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers of Class EP,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely summer break and are ready for our exciting first topic 'Gallery Rebels!' Each term, we shall write to you telling you news about events we are involved in and what we have been learning about. For our first class newsletter, we will be outlining some important information about our new class.

We are very excited to once again be job-sharing year 5 and 6 this year and plan to spend time with the class most days rather than having 'set' days in the classroom. Miss Orton will teach the class on a Wednesday afternoon when we are both out of the classroom. Mrs Burgess and Mrs Tapley will also be supporting Class EP this year.

As Assistant Headteachers at Downham we will need to be flexible with our timetable and greatly appreciate your support in this.

## This Term's Learning

Our topic this half term is called 'Gallery Rebels.' During the half term, we'll talk about the features of artwork and sketch our favourite pieces. We will research important 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century artwork and describe a chosen piece in detail. We'll locate art galleries around the world and calculate how much it would cost to get there. We'll create pieces of art inspired by well-known artists and express ourselves through poetry, stories, music and painting. This is a cross-curriculum topic that will weave in all curriculum subjects.

To 'hook' the children into the topic we have planned an exciting science experiment to find out the identity of the art thief in school! The 'outcome' of our topic will be to share our art portfolios with our buddies.

### Home Learning:

- ❖ Home learning books will be given out on a Friday and will be expected to be handed in by Wednesday.
- ❖ A topic home learning sheet will be stuck in your child's home learning book. As in previous years, the children will be asked to choose a set number of activities to complete over the half term. For this half-term only, children should use their 'portfolio' to record their topic home learning activities.
- ❖ A copy of the week's maths and literacy activities will be stuck in the home learning book.
- ❖ If home learning cannot be completed and handed in on time please ensure that you have either emailed us or written a note in your child's diary explaining the reasons, ideally before Wednesday.
- ❖ Books that are handed in on time will be marked and returned on a Friday. Books that are late will be marked the following week.
- ❖ If home learning is late without a valid reason then there will be a sanction. If it is not handed in the following day, then they will have to complete the work at lunchtime under the supervision of a teacher. If home learning is repeatedly handed in late or not completed to an acceptable standard the Headteachers will be informed.
- ❖ Spare home learning sheets are kept in the 'homework' tray in the classroom.
- ❖ It is your child's responsibility to enquire about/collect any home learning that they have missed if they have been away.
- ❖ Maths home learning will either be a puzzle, game, challenge, investigation or a worksheet, online activity etc. Workings are to be completed in home learning book.
- ❖ See home learning policy for further information.

### Reading:

- ❖ There will be a weekly guided reading lesson where the children will have the opportunity to read and discuss a text with an adult and their peers in a group. Children will read 1:1 with an adult as regularly as possible. In addition to this, children will read to themselves on a daily basis.
- ❖ Our class book this half term is 'Framed' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
- ❖ Over the coming days the children will be choosing a new school book in line with their end of year assessment. We will monitor and review this to ensure they are appropriate. Please note that we are looking for a good level of comprehension, not just being able to phonetically read the words.

### General:

- ❖ Children come into school and leave via the library door.
- ❖ Your child will need the following stationery: a black handwriting pen, a red biro, pencil, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, dry-wipe whiteboard pen, ruler and colouring pencils. Space on tables is limited so please ensure that pencil cases are 'appropriately-sized'. Your child may prefer to keep their colouring pencils in a smaller pencil case in their trays.
- ❖ Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday - please ensure children have the correct kit and footwear. (However, sometimes there are changes to the timetable so PE kits need to be in school all the time)
- ❖ No jewellery is to be worn for PE lessons
- ❖ Children may wear a watch and a pair of small silver/gold stud earrings for school - no bracelets
- ❖ No makeup (including tinted lip balm and nail varnish) is to be worn
- ❖ Hair is to be tied up (with an appropriate coloured and sized hairband) at all times during the school day.
- ❖ Your child should bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to enjoy during story-time.
- ❖ Your child will also need a named bottle filled with water every day.
- ❖ We will check and sign diaries every Wednesday. As many of you may be aware, parents/carers signing the diary is a requirement at secondary school so it is important to get into this routine now. Your child should be asking you to sign the diary before Wednesday.

## Key Dates:

Circus themed day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
National Gallery Visit- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Parents evening - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm - 7.00pm  
Parents evening - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm - 6.00pm  
Staff training day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### Bikeability - Year 6

11/12<sup>th</sup> October Group 1 (all day)  
15/16<sup>th</sup> October Group 2 (all day)  
17/18<sup>th</sup> October Bikeability Group 3 (all day)

Children will be assigned to a group in the coming weeks. Please ensure that you have returned the letter to secure your child's place.

Y5 Swimming lessons - summer term (more details to follow)

Y6 SATs week: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 Hayling Island: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Play - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July (6.00pm)

Y6 Leavers' Service - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July (9.15am)

You can find us on the playground every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.45am should you need a quick chat. We are also available directly after school (clubs/meetings permitting) If you require a longer meeting with us to discuss concerns or issues regarding your child please make an appointment to see us by contacting the school office or sending us a quick email. Please note that our email address should only be used for brief enquiries and is not an effective way to address concerns or issues. We will aim to respond to short emails within the hours of 3.30pm and 6.00pm weekdays. Thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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