



## Class KS Newsletter Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents/Carers of Class KS,

We hope that you had a restful half-term.

### This Term's Learning: Blood Heart

Crimson, scarlet, burgundy, cherry....blood flows through our bodies in all its vibrant shades of red. Let's explore our circulation system! This half-term, we'll find out how to keep our heart happy with cardiovascular exercise and healthy food.

The 'outcome' of our topic will be a truly memorable experience as we will become surgeons and dissect a pig's heart to examine the veins, arteries and chambers up close. (More details to follow).

On Fridays, Year 5 and 6 will be taught in year groups to focus on methods for written arithmetic, spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as reading skills.

### Home Learning:

#### Year 5:

- ❖ As in previous half-terms, home learning books will be given out on a Friday and will be expected to be handed in by Wednesday. A topic sheet will be stuck in your child's home learning book. Children will be asked to choose a set number of activities to complete over the half term. A copy of the week's maths and literacy activities will be also be stuck in the home learning book.

#### Year 6:

- ❖ Year will continue to be set homework from their SATs revision workbooks. A reminder that we offer a Monday 'drop-in' lunchtime session to go over homework and two morning revision sessions - Tuesday (maths) and Thursday (literacy) to supplement the work that we do in class.

### 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. Pencil cases are to be kept in trays, therefore needed to be appropriately-sized.
- ❖ Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday - 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 Friday. 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 for this term:**

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Y5/6 Netball
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (dress up - no donation)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - KS2 Music Festival Choir rehearsal at Buttsbury
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Forensic Science Workshop (see separate letter)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - KS2 Music Festival Orchestra rehearsal at Quilters Jnr
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - PTA disco
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Y4/5 Boys and Y5/6 Girls football competition
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - KS2 Music Festival performances
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - PTA Mother's Days Treats
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Service at Chelmsford Cathedral (6.00pm) - details to follow

Y5 Swimming lessons - Commencing Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

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.

Yours sincerely,

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