



FORM TEACHER'S TERMLY WELCOME NEWSLETTER

Form III : Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and at least something of a breather! Thank you for all your support in my first term, I really enjoyed it and hope the girls did to.

I am very much looking forward to working with the girls in and the term ahead. It promises to be a busy, fun packed and exciting time for the girls.

English

This term our class text is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The girls will be completing a range of creative writing tasks based on the book. We have two trips lined up in connection with this topic: one to the Roald Dahl Museum and the other to Cadbury World. In addition to this they will be continuing to work on their grammar and comprehension skills.

Mathematics

As well as ongoing number work, the Maths topics we will cover include: shape, time and data handling. The girls will continue to work on their times tables as part of their weekly homework and are encouraged to practice these as much as possible to ensure a solid understanding, which will help their future mathematical education.

Science

In science, we will begin the term by learning about our body and how we can stay healthy by eating well and exercising. We will be looking at the effect a healthy skeleton and muscle grow have on our bodies. After the half term we will be investigating light and how we see things. This will then be linked to reflection and shadows.

Geography

This term we will be covering two key topics; cocoa production and weather. The first topic will include; the history of chocolate, the processes involved in production as well as looking at fair trade. Our trip to Cadbury World will further help with the understanding of the topic. Our second topic will give the girls a detailed understanding of weather and the impacts of this on day-to-day living.

Outdoor Education

In the second half term the girls will starting a new Humanities subject – Outdoor Education. This will involve the girls learning a range of practical skills, in connection with the outdoor environment, as well as learning why and how these skills can be connected to other subjects.

ICT

In the first half of the term the girls will create an information broadcast about a Geography, History or Science topic using Garageband on an iPad.

Music

In music this term, we will be developing our understanding of diatonic harmony and primary triads. Through our ukelele lessons, we will be focussing on accompanying melodies by using the chords of C, F and G in a variety of different strumming patterns.

We look forward to sharing our work with you at the class concert at 9.15 on Wednesday 6th February. More information will follow shortly.

Art

Form III begin the term by looking at the paintings of artists who have described the changing patterns of weather in their work. We will develop our own responses to this theme by exploring painting methods that use bold colour and mark-making.

Our theme of 'flight' will enable us to develop our design skills and we will be working with clay to create simple bird sculptures.

After half term the girls will further develop their practical D and T skills in manipulating and joining materials to create artworks inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The use of sketchbooks to research and develop ideas will underpin the girls' creative work, with camera and ICT practice to record and adapt images.

PSHCE

This term we will be discussing how to keep safe, how to make good decisions and how to deal with peer pressure. We'll think about the importance of trust, honesty and fairness and the need to respect other people's property. We'll learn about the role of the School Council and the role of the Mayor and the Council in our community. We'll also be thinking about confidence and self-esteem and how to recognise our own strengths, as well as how to set goals for ourselves.

French

The girls have been working very well in French - well done! This term, we will be revising and learning colours, animal vocabulary, numbers up to 31, days of the week and months and will begin to learn about the concept of masculine and feminine nouns. We will also be learning about French festivals.

PE

Lessons this term will include netball and cross country, gymnastics, orienteering, multi skills and country dancing. As you can see a wide range of different activities and sports. It certainly promises to be an action packed term!

Homework will follow the same pattern as last term, and will involve Maths (Wednesday), English (Friday) and weekly spellings for a test the following week (Thursday). As always, don't hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Rushbrook if you have any concerns about your daughter.

Kindest regards,

Mr Smith and Mrs Rushbrook