



FORM TEACHER'S TERMLY WELCOME NEWSLETTER

Form III : Spring Term 2018

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!

I am very much looking forward to seeing the girls 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. 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 as much as possible to ensure a sound grasp of these.

Science

This term we will be looking at a range of topics and will be starting our studies by looking at animals including humans.

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 second topic will give the girls a detailed understanding of weather and the impacts of this on day-to-day living.

History

This term we will be continuing our work on the Romans. The girls will find out what it was like to be a Roman soldier in this country in the first century, with a particular focus on life on Hadrian's Wall.

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

Music lessons this term will focus on creating music for moving film. Students will develop their composition skills through creating music in a specific mood and style. Students will be taught the skills to be able to compose with a clear mood through the use of musical elements (including tonality). Students will share their work at the end of the project, further enhancing their performance skills. Through exploring oriental short films and the pentatonic scale, girls will broaden their knowledge of different times and cultures. You are invited to the Form III Class Concert on Wednesday 8th February, starting at 9.15am. The girls will be preparing musical repertoire for this event and you are welcome to attend.

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.

We will be progressing our ideas further throughout the first half of term with collage and weaving which will enable the girls to investigate different media and materials.

After half term the girls will work in 3D by creating sculptures, developing practical D and T skills in manipulating and joining materials.

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 deal with peer pressure. We will think about the importance of trust, honesty and fairness and the need to respect other people's property. We will learn about the role of the School Council and the role of the Mayor and the Council in our community. We will 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 swimming, as well as netball and cross country, substituting gymnastics if the weather is wet. It certainly promises to be an action packed term! As always, don't hesitate to contact Mrs Rushbrook if you have any concerns about your daughter. However, it should be pointed out that she is rarely able to check any emails during the working day at St Hilda's, as she is almost always teaching! For this reason, if the matter requires immediate or urgent attention, your best option is to phone or email the school office.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity, together with Mrs Rushbrook, to thank you all so much for your ongoing support. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time with the girls so far and look forward to the coming term.

Kindest regards,

Miss Harding and Mrs Rushbrook