



What's Happening in the Classroom?

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you have had a lovely Easter break with your children and are ready for an action-packed term to finish our academic year!

Our topic this term is Water around the World. The children have shown an interest in learning about marine animals as well as the water cycle, both of which we will be covering within our science learning. We will also locate water sources throughout the world, become aware of how water is stored and used in different places and explore an environmental issue.

In Literacy, we will be writing an explanation of the water cycle after analysing the features, structure and presentation. We will cover some further examples of poetry before focussing on a discussion text about the use of underwater machinery. We will be reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' as our class novel, which links some ideas associated with water nicely.

We will be recapping some number work within maths, focussing on using rounding skills to estimate answers to calculations for addition and subtraction. We will also be interpreting and presenting information using bar charts, pictograms and time graphs.

A visitor from SMD, a local engineering company specialising in underwater machinery, will also be coming into school to deliver a workshop around how their equipment is used.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Miss Walker and Mrs Margerrison.

Teacher Notes

- PE is on a Monday and Thursday so please ensure that children bring their complete school kit in on a Monday and leave it in school to take home on a Friday. If children wear earrings, please encourage them to take them out for P.E sessions. If this is not possible, please provide children with plasters to cover their earrings to avoid them getting caught.
- All children need a water bottle in school. They can bring an empty plastic bottle from home (with their name on) or buy one from the school office for £1.50.

Homework:

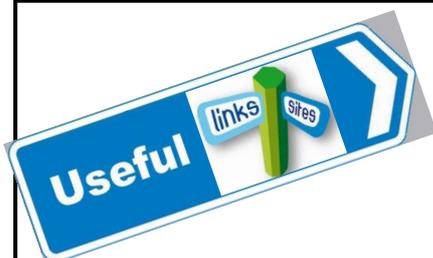
We have an exciting new homework system in place this term. All children will get a copy of our new homework project grid and are encouraged to choose one activity per week to complete. They can choose to complete more activities during each week if they wish. We will share all pieces of homework on the last Friday (26th May). There is also a points system for this which I'm sure your children will be happy to explain!

Children will continue to receive spellings and times tables to practise on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.

Dates to Remember

- Break up for half term - Friday 26th May.
- Return to school - Monday 5th June.
- Break up for Summer Holiday - Friday 21st July.

Any further whole school dates will be sent out on the whole class newsletter



- **Table Mountain, countdown** and **Pole Climber** are fun games to practise rapid recall of times tables and number facts.
- Some of the games that we play linked to our topic can be found at: https://thewaterproject.org/resources/water_related_games

