

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. This term we also welcome Emma Dedman; a student teacher completing a PGCE course. Emma will be with us from 18th April- Friday 26th May. This letter is to supplement your child's letter and share with you what will be happening in Cherry Class this term.

TOPIC:

Our topic work for the summer term will be based around 'Lympne', learning about the history of the area, including Lympne airfield and the geographical features of our local environment. Our topic lessons will involve taking part in a geographical trail around the village and learning the key features of the surroundings of our school.

SCIENCE:

In Science our focus for Terms 5 and 6 will be on 'Variation' and 'Animals in the Local Environment'. We will begin by focusing on the similarities and differences between animals, before sorting humans into groups by their similarities. A visit to Wildwood in June, will allow the children to study the diverse British wildlife in greater detail, and they will be provided with the opportunity to research and explore their own personal areas of interest.

MUSIC:

Rehearsals are now well under way for our forthcoming production of 'There's a Sunflower In My Supper'. You should have all received a letter detailing your child's part and costume requirements. Please do let us know if you are unable to provide a costume for your child and we will do our best to help. Children have made a fantastic start learning their lines and song words, and I am very grateful for your continued support with our exciting venture! Our performance will take place on Friday 26th May at 2pm. Parents, grandparents, friends etc are all very welcome to come and watch!

P.S.H.E

Over the next term we will be moving our class focus of being 'calm and considerate' to the playground. During PSHE lessons we will be teaching a variety of games for children to use at playtimes if they wish. We will also be discussing strategies for successful playtimes, such as turn taking and leadership roles, helping the children to develop the skills they need to ensure everyone can be included and have an enjoyable playtime.

ENGLISH:

The term begins with performance poetry. We will be putting some drumming percussion to Brian Moses' poem 'Walking with my Iguana'. Our longer writing

piece will be based on the creation story 'How The World Was Made', where we will pay particular attention to the setting and poetic language. Again there will be opportunities for adding body percussion and musical instruments. In Term 6, the children will go on to create their own non-chronological reports on an animal to match in with our topic work and class trip.

Daily Sounds Write and Spelling sessions will continue, as well as plenty of practise with punctuation and grammar. We will also continue to work on handwriting, with a goal of developing a joined handwriting style. Please support your child by promoting correct use of capital letters and keeping tall and tail letters correctly placed on the line. This will help them as they perfect the letter joins.

Maths:

Our numeracy focus will be to continue to develop our mental maths strategies for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will continue to work on jottings to help solve sums and double check the accuracy of our answers. There will be lots of opportunities for problem solving to stretch and consolidate our knowledge.

We will be continuing with our work on estimating and measures which will focus on weight and capacity. Children will learn to choose and use suitable uniform non-standard or standard units and learn how to use measuring instruments. There will also be a continued focus on 2D and 3D shape, learning correct names and key features of these shapes, including lines of symmetry. Work on time will be further developed as we learn to tell the time accurately on analogue and digital clocks.

PE:

PE this term will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. It would be helpful if you could consider hair and earrings on these days. Hopefully there will be some sunnier weather as we prepare for Sports Day and enjoy outdoor athletics.

RE:

In RE we will be finding out some of the key points of worship in the Hindu home and learning about some of the more popular deities. Term 5 will end with a focus on the Christian festival of Pentecost. In term 6 we will consider what it means to live a Christian life with a focus on Christian values.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:

Art will follow the theme of our topics with opportunities to draw and paint wild flowers and animals. We will look at Van Gogh's sunflower paintings and Matisse's 'Snail' and create our own versions. We will also design and make a bag/case for

pencils, sunglasses or other collectables. This will involve needlework and trying different fixing techniques to attach embellishments.

We're sure it will be a busy and enjoyable summer term!

Jo Jackman & Maria Bailey