

General Class Information:

Values Education

This half term our core Christian value is **COMPASSION**. Please discuss our current value with your child and think of ways they can demonstrate/develop this value this half term.



PE dates/times

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Reminders about correct PE kit can be found on pg 7 of your child's home-school link book. The Key Stage 2 after school club will continue this year on a Wednesday. This term, the sport is dodgeball.

Swimming (for **YEAR 5 ONLY**) will take place every Monday afternoon. **To allow for greater SATs preparation time, Year 6 will not be swimming this term.** Again, there are reminders about swimming kit on pg 8 of your child's home-school link book. Keep an eye on the newsletter for any updates about swimming or after school PE clubs.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that earrings are taken out for PE and swimming.

All children must have access to water throughout the school day. As a healthy school, we stipulate that this must be water and not juice.

Please ensure your child has a clean, labelled water bottle in school at all times.



Home-School Link book

You child's home-school link book contains extra information about the KS2 curriculum and expectations. Please take some time to have a look through your child's diary and do use it to communicate any concerns/questions or queries to your child's class teacher.

Parent meeting dates

Please keep an eye on the news letter for weekly updates about after school events and meetings. However, here are a few key dates you may wish to put in the diary in advance:

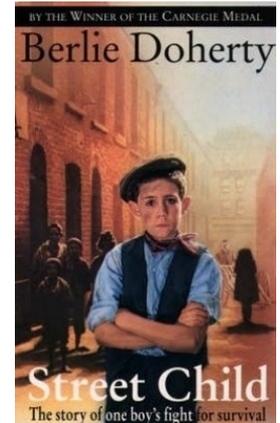
Friday 12th Jan: Celebration Worship (9.15am start)

Thursday 18th Jan: KS1 & KS2 Parents SATs info meeting (6.30pm)

Friday 26th Jan: Celebration Worship (9.15am start)

Friday 16th Feb: Celebration Worship @ Methodist Chapel (9.00am start)

Yours Sincerely,
Miss L Sellers



Theme- Hard Times



White Tigers Spring 1



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Spring Term! Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject this half term.

Religious Education

The RE topic for Spring 1 is entitled, 'Being Inspired- What's that?'. The topic focuses on what different faith founders did to inspire people to follow them. The pupils will learn what 'inspirational' means and investigate Christian, Sikh and Muslim faith leaders.



Literacy

This half term, we will be reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty to fit in with our current topic about the Victorian Era. Through the text, we shall be exploring what life was like for the poor under Victoria's reign and how characters such as Dr Barnardo changed life for the better. Alongside topic learning, we shall be building an argument for/against the workhouse and collecting ideas for journalistic pieces of writing. In SPaG lessons we will be focussing on parenthesis, relative clauses and pronouns, active and passive voice and modal verbs.

Maths

This half term's work will be focussed mainly on fractions. The children will learn how to calculate with fractions as well as finding equivalence, being able to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions and compare and order fractions. Knowledge of times tables continues to be crucial for the work we shall be completing this half term so please do practise your child's Under the Sea targets with them.

Science

Our science unit of work this half term is 'Materials and their properties'. We will be exploring the differences between solids, liquids and gases, learning how to mix and separate them and how some changes to materials can be reversible and irreversible.



ICT

This half term we will be using ICT for research purposes; learning how to use search engines to locate sites and how to tell whether sites contain safe and reliable information. Our internet research will help us to identify arguments for our written work in literacy and topic lessons.

P.E

This half term the children will be taking part in weekly PE sessions to develop their gymnastic skills. Year 5 shall also be swimming every Monday afternoon. Please see the back of this leaflet and your child's home-school link book for more information about PE.

Music

Mrs J Harding continues to teach the children music on a fortnightly basis. This half term, the children will be finding out about the music hall and Victorian artists who would perform there and learning how to play 'Daisy, Daisy' (written in 1892 by Harry Dacre) on tuned instruments.

Creative

Our topic this half term is, 'Hard Times'. We will be studying Britain under Queen Victoria's reign, learning in particular about what life would be like for poor people. Our lessons will take us through the industrial revolution and to the workhouse where we will learn about characters such as Dr Barnardo and Lord Shaftesbury. We will be considering how the interventions they put in place have helped improve life for us today.



French

In French this half term, we will be learning some sporting vocabulary in a unit entitled 'Vive le sport!' Again, this will be for Year 5 only, as Year 6 work on SATs preparations.

Homework

Literacy

Reading is a very important part of your child's learning. Children in Key Stage 2 are still expected to read for 30 minutes a day and have their home-school link books signed to acknowledge that they have done so (they may sign their own diaries if they have read silently to themselves). Once Accelerated Reader books have been read, your child will complete an online quiz in school to check their understanding. This is integral to the scheme and an important measure of your child's progress. Please discuss your child's reading book with them before they complete their quiz to check their understanding.

Spellings are sent home every Monday and are tested the following Monday. Details of the spelling patterns covered in class will be attached to the top of the spelling homework sheets. Spelling homework can be completed on the sheets that will be sent home.

Maths -

This year, the children will continue to work towards their 'Under the Sea' mental maths targets. They should have a small card in their home-school links books which details what they must know to achieve their target. Practise towards their personalised target must be done at home in order for the children to progress through the scheme. Rewards are given in celebration assemblies for children completing their target level. For those who have completed the scheme, the children will be choosing their own maths targets (with consultation with the teacher).

Creative (for Y5 only this term. Please see homework books for information about Y6 homework for this term)-

Creative homework books are sent home every Thursday and are due in the following Wednesday. Creative homework should be handed in every fortnight as a short maths assessment will be sent home for completion every other week. Children may choose their own homework from the choices provided in the front of their homework books. A variety of tasks are provided to appeal to a range of learning styles and curriculum areas. Some of these tasks may take longer; therefore you may wish to complete them over a number of weeks. A variety of shorter learning tasks are provided as well as these for busy weeks! We thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.