

Welcome back to a new term!

I hope you have all had a great Easter holiday and are ready for the new term.



We will continue to have swimming on Thursday mornings and PE on Friday afternoons. The children should come to school wearing PE kit on Fridays. Please ensure that the children have their earrings removed. A reminder that PE kit is plain white t shirt or polo shirt, black trainers and navy blue or black tracksuit. These should not have any logos on.



## Homework

We will be focusing on a different times table each month. Please continue to practice on TTRS.

Spellings will be put onto Class Dojo for the half term. There will occasionally be other pieces of work to complete which support learning happening in class at that time.



## Reading

The children have a book appropriate to the level they have been assessed at during the first week of term. They are also encouraged to choose a free reading book to enjoy in their free time. The children are asked to read to someone at home 3 times a week, having their book signed. If a comment could be added to let me know how they have done or any problems they have had, that would help me greatly when I hear them in class.



## RE

We are working on the new RED (Religious Education Directory) syllabus from this year and our topics will reflect this. During Pentecost 1 the theme is entitled 'To the Ends of the Earth' and will be exploring some of the different symbols of the Trinity as well as how the disciples felt after the ascension and before Pentecost. During Pentecost 2 the theme is entitled 'Dialogue and Encounter' during which we will be looking at how different people express their faith and beliefs.



## English

During the first part of our half term, we will be focusing on narrative and recount through the story of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. During the second part of the term we

will focus on Haikus linked to the rainforest and writing instructions.



Our first science topic will be a biology topic where we will investigate plants and what they need to grow well. Next half term, the children will be learning about the animals and investigating different types of skeleton.



We continue to follow the White Rose curriculum this year and will be further developing our knowledge of fractions. Please encourage the children to notice maths in the home. This could be by cooking or baking with them or even helping with the shopping. It's good for the children to see that maths is everywhere!



Art and DT

We will be using Kapow to develop our design and technology skills by creating our own cushion. In art we will be further developing our drawing skills.



History

Our history topic looks at the concept of continuity and change as we explore the history of Hucknall. We will be finding out more about Hucknall's mining heritage as well as the textile industry. We will also be looking at the significance of Ada Lovelace within the computing world.



Geography

After half term, we will be learning about Amazon rainforest and finding out about the devastating impacts of deforestation on climate change.



Computing

We will continue to develop our knowledge of all things computing and IT related by focusing on computer programming and coding.



## French

We will develop our French phonic knowledge to help with reading, spelling and pronunciation. We will then learn some basic phrases to introduce ourselves and hold a basic conversation.

If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a new and exciting term!

Kind regards

Miss Doncaster