

# Fisher Class Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your cards, presents and good wishes we received in the build up to Christmas. I would also like to inform you of the curriculum content your child will be studying during the first half of the spring term, as well as the day to day routines and procedures.

## **RE**

Our first topic this half term is Sources. In this topic your child will explore the different books of the Bible and the wide variety of purposes for which they were written. They will learn that, although written by many different authors over a long period of time, the Bible is a story of God's love - all inspired by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Furthermore, your child will be learning about the religion of Hinduism. Through a variety of activities, they will learn about the beliefs, teachings and sources of Hinduism; Hindu celebration and ritual and Hindu social and moral practice.

## **English and Maths**

As I am sure you are aware, your child takes part in English and Maths lessons every day. To assist your child in their development in both these curriculum areas, please give them support and encouragement in reading and practising their times tables/division facts every day. Additionally, encourage them to utilise the online Mathematics revision programme at home using their personal log in.

Furthermore, we encourage you to give your child regular mental calculation practice: by adding up the cost of items when shopping; telling the time and calculating time durations such as: 'If a film begins at 3:05 and ends at 5:20 how long is the film?' and calculating sums within all four operations to support your child's confidence with mental calculation. We focus just as much on mental calculation as we do written calculation. To further support your child's maths learning, please see your child's maths target card with individual targets designed to help extend and improve their mathematical skills and confidence. Please support your child by working through their targets on a regular basis.

To help improve your child's reading and comprehension skills please ensure that you encourage them to read for thirty minutes every day at home; encourage them to read a wide variety of genres of text; listen to them reading aloud and question them on the text that they are reading daily.

### Science

During this half term, your child will develop their knowledge and understanding of Earth and Space. Your child will learn about the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. They will learn about the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth and describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies, while using the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky. At the end of this half term, your child will take part in a planetarium show at school which will take them on a journey through space.

### History

In History this half term, your child will be learning about Medicine and Disease through the ages, from the Ancient Egyptians to Romans and the Victorian period to modern Britain. In this topic, your child will develop their understanding of chronology and understand how medicine and disease has changed throughout British history by noting connections, contrasts and trends over time.

Your child will develop their skills at constructing historical understanding from a range of sources and will use a variety of sources to research historical figures from the past.

Finally, your child will consider and hypothesise how medicine and disease may continue to change, and consider whether some advancements in the field of medicine and disease have been more impactful than others.

### DT/Art

This half term's Art topic will see your child learning about artistic illusions. They will learn to analyse how artists explore and create perspective in their work through the study of a variety of different artistic pieces. They will then work to apply these techniques in order to create their own artistic pieces in the style of illusions.

### Computing

This half term our Year 6's will explore the very building blocks of computer science: binary numbers. Your child will explore how computers use these zeros and ones to store the data that gets transformed into digital information all of us can understand, such as words, pictures and even sound. This topic will be closely tied in with our work on place value in maths. Your child will also be given the opportunity to use logical reasoning to study some simple algorithms (the sets of instructions that computers use to carry out a task).

### MFL

Throughout KS2 your child has been developing their knowledge and confidence in using the French language. This half term your child will be continuing and developing their topic of 'Notre Monde' – 'The World Around Us'. They will be using the vocabulary they learnt before Christmas to start to build sentences using verbs. The vocabulary includes continents,

countries, places and weather phrases. They will continue to develop their ability to speak, listen and write in French. When speaking they will continue to focus on developing accurate pronunciation and intonation.

## PE

Your child has P.E every **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please ensure they have their full **Indoor** and **Outdoor PE** kits, ensuring it fits in with the school's policy, for all lessons. In addition, your child will have the opportunity to partake in extra PE sessions, every other half term, with our sports coach David Dines on **Friday** and music sessions with our specialist music teacher Mr Dixon.

In indoor PE, your child will develop their gymnastic skills and techniques. In this unit your child will focus on improving the quality of their movement through rolling, and balancing e.g. by stretching fingers and pointing toes, to help them produce tension and extension, and maintaining an equilibrium in a variety of positions. They will plan and perform sequences of contrasting actions, and develop flow by linking actions smoothly and planning variations in speed, while working together in a group.

In outdoor PE your child will develop their key skills in hockey. They will learn how to hit, push and strike the puck into spaces, to team mates and so that they can score in different ways. Your child will learn to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to work as part of a team and outwit the opposition. In both indoor and outdoor PE sessions your child will be working on their physical fitness and learning about how exercise contributes to healthy lifestyle.

Finally, it would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that your child brings their school water bottle into school every day – full – with their name clearly marked on it. If your child does not have a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.50. Please ensure any money that is sent into school is enclosed in a school money pocket and detailed with the necessary information. Money pockets can be purchased from the school reception also.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Kingman  
Fisher Class Teacher