

Class LC Newsletter

January 2018 – Spring Term 1

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year - thank you for all of my lovely Christmas presents, they were much appreciated.

The time will fly now and we have lots still to cover so I hope the children are well rested and raring to go!

Creative Curriculum

This half term, our topic title is "Blue Abyss" and is related to the world's oceans and the life within them.

I am trying to organise a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham to enhance the children's learning as part of this topic.

Other learning areas include using maps and atlases to locate the oceans and seas of the world and their position in relation to the Equator, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the Arctic and Antarctic circles. We will observe the features and characteristics of these oceans and look at the plants and creatures that live within them.

In science, we will be sorting, grouping and classifying the living things within the oceans and beginning to look at food chains. We will also look at the ocean as a habitat and how living things adapt to survive. Towards the end of the topic, we will look at the water cycle.

In art and design we will be making careful observational drawings of sea creatures, creating collage pictures and designing our own sea monsters.

Pencil Cases and Cushions

Your child may bring **one** pencil case to school but they do not have to - the resources we need are available in the classroom.

They may also bring a sensible cushion to sit on in class, which should be clearly named.



If pencil cases or cushions become a distraction, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. If they continue to be a distraction, then children will no longer be allowed to bring them in.



Helping at Home

At the last parent's evening, I gave out a booklet with details of the most significant ways you can support your child at home and the homework expectations for year 4. If you need another copy of this please let me know. Support from home is a huge factor in your child's progress and development.

Homework Dates

Monday - French books due in

Wednesday - MyMaths homework due

Thursday - Spelling and homework books due in

Friday - spelling tests

Learning Log - no later than Monday 12th February

Children who routinely do not complete their homework at home will be expected to spend 10 minutes of their lunch times completing work as required.

Reading

It is still important to listen to your child read on a regular basis and discuss what they have read. Please note down in their reading record when you have listened to them.

Swimming

This term, Year 4 will be swimming at the leisure centre every Friday afternoon. Safety is paramount in these sessions and the decision of staff to remove pupils due to poor behaviour will be non-negotiable.

What to bring:

Named swimming costume or shorts

Named towel

Named swimming hat

Named bag

PLEASE ENSURE EVERYTHING IS CLEARLY NAMED.

Pupils should wear black or navy tracksuit bottoms to school with either PE or white t-shirt and school sweatshirt.



Diary Dates

Friday 12th January

Swimming starts for years
4 and 5.

Tuesday 16th January

Staff training after school
- no clubs

Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 13th February

Pancake races - bring a
frying pan and pancake

Trip to Sea Life Centre,
date TBC

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child then please come and see me, you are always welcome.

Thank you, Miss Cooper