

Newsletter Date: September 2018

Autumn Greetings from Upper School 1

Dear Parents & pupils

Welcome to Upper School 1. I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday and managed to have a break!

I am sure that the children have been excited, about coming back to school, but also a bit nervous about their new class and teacher. There is bound to be an adjustment period but I know that we are all going to work hard and have a lot of fun this year!

His term:

During this term, we are going to be covering the topic 'Scream Machine'. I think the children are going to love the different aspects of work that we cover throughout this topic.

At a glance, each subject will be covering:

English: , Poetry; Short Narrative; Emails; Adverts

Science: Property of Everyday Materials (gathering and recording information), mechanisms, Working Scientifically (investigating & performing simple tests)

RE: Festivals - Y4 Why are festivals important to religious communities? (L2.5)

PSHE: Discussions and Debate

Computing: Digital Photography (**Art**), effective online research, logical reasoning & Algorithms, safe and respectful use of Technology

DT: Ride Design, Mechanical Systems, Food, Evaluation

Geography: Theme Parks (Uk & Overseas)



*Our Topic Focus
Scream Machine*

Our Mathematics will be linked to our where practicable (Measures, area & perimeter), but for most part, will follow the New Curriculum guidelines, set out for UKS2 and LKS2. This will involve the reinforcement and consolidation of the knowledge and skills of Place Value, Mental Addition and Subtraction (including fractions & Decimals); Pupils will be expected to learn their tables at home as part of their homework tasks.

Homework

Children will be given Maths online homework for Mangahigh & MyMaths, which I will check every Wednesday and reset. This homework is solely for the children but they can have help reading questions.

There Learning Log, covers the whole of the term and does not need to be in until October 13th; when I will check and mark what they have done. This homework has been given as activities that you will be able to help with and share ideas and information.

A list of spellings has been attached to the newsletter, with the children being tested every Friday. As discussed with the children - we are not just learning them for the test! They should be using them in their work.

It is **essential** that pupils continue to read - at home - on a **daily basis**, whether it be their home reader or library book. Please continue to encourage your child to record the books read and quiz scores in their Reading Log.

As always, if you have any problems, my door is always open or you can make an appointment through Boo if you feel your concerns are more serious. Please do not try to discuss these matters at the beginning of the school day as we are busy getting ready for the children.

Miss Campbell

Please Note:

- ♥ PE kit to be worn *Thursdays*; Please insure your child has a **full** PE kit which is **clearly labelled**.
- ♥ Children should have a water bottle that is **clearly labelled**, and easy to refill.
- ♥ Please make sure your child has the correct outer clothing, for the weather that morning.

Important Dates:

- ♥ 8th Oct - Harvest Festival in Church
- ♥ 19th Oct - Comedy of Errors
- ♥ 22nd - 24th Oct - Parents Eve (Times TBC)
- ♥ 26th Oct - Teacher Training
- ♥ 29th Oct - 4th Nov - Half Term
- ♥ 13th Nov - Children in Need
- ♥ 30th Nov - St Andrews Day (Church TBC)
- ♥ 13th Dec - Nativity (1:45)
- ♥ 19th Dec - Carol Service (6pm)
- ♥ 20th Dec - Christmas Carol
- ♥ 21st Dec - End of Term

