



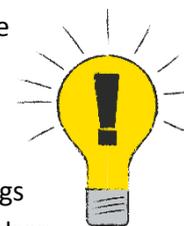
Friday 26th April 2018

Happy Summer Term!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter – where has the year gone! What a busy couple of terms we have had. The children worked so hard last term and are showing amazing progress. We had a brilliant start to the term and we are looking forward to our residential to Kingswood next week. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their problem solving and teamwork skills, as well as develop a sense of independence.

SATs Week - Throughout the year we have been assessing the children and collecting evidence to back up our judgements on the children. The SATs data feeds into our final judgement but it is not made purely on this. We will be starting our SATs papers on Tuesday 8th May.

Our Topics - This term our theme is *The Many Faces of Lisbon/Athens*. We introduced the topic to the children by looking at a photo of the two classes and discussing how we are all very different. We then discussed ways in which we could represent ourselves through art. The children looked at how Picasso painted people; something they were very intrigued by due to the 'silly' features and bold colours. We then introduced them to the works of Arcimboldo! The children laughed seeing paintings of faces comprising of fruit and veg. Finally, we explored pop art by Andy Warhol and asked the children to think about how they could present their work in this style. We started our adventure by pairing up the children and asking them to draw each other in a simple pencil sketch. Throughout the term we will be recreating this portrait in the style of the three artists. The children will enjoy exploring different techniques using pencils, pastels, paint, charcoals as well as collage and printing. In order to explore collage next week we would like the children to bring in a magazine. This can be any appropriate magazine, catalogue or tv book that you have to hand. We will hold an open afternoon at the end of this term so parents are able to come and see the work the children have done.



English learning this term will focus on adventure stories, using **Traction Man** as our stimulus. Children will look at plot development, character description and cliff hangers, creating their own superhero in the process. Later in the term, we will look at persuasive writing, through **The Day the Crayons Quit**.

Mathematics sessions will continue to develop the children's number sense; applying methods independently for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in a range of different opportunities and developing mastery. We aim to deepen the understandings of mathematics through problem solving and reasoning activities.

Homework - In preparation for Year 3, children must be confident reading and spelling all Year 2 Common Exception and High Frequency words. Please continue to learn and apply these at home. They will continue to receive homework on a Wednesday, which is to be handed in on the following Tuesday.



Children should be reading daily at home. One of the targets for Year 2 children is to read at a speed of around 90 words a minute. Please help your child to develop their reading stamina and pace, as well as their comprehension of the text. When your child has read out loud to you, please make a note of it in the reading comments section of their homework diary.

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Swimming & PE – This half term Year 2 children will be swimming on a **Friday afternoon**. Please make sure they have their swimming kit in school. We will be rehearsing for Sports Day and taking advantage of the warm weather after SATs so please can children have their P.E kit **daily**. PE kit is a white t shirt, blue or navy shorts and suitable footwear (trainers or pumps).

Hot weather guidance

Sun cream - Please ensure sun protection is applied before school.

Hats – Children are encouraged to wear hats; these should be clearly named.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us.

Many thanks,

Miss Jarvis and Mrs Scott

