

Dear Parents

Class 2 Spring Term 2010

This term we will be studying Climate Change as our main topic. The unit focuses on what is happening to weather patterns round the world, how these affect children in places such as The Gambia, Zambia and Bangladesh and also how and why the surface temperature of the Earth is changing. We will also consider the possible effects of climate change in Devon in 2050. There will be close links with science and the children will be studying 'Electricity'. We also hope to have a guest speaker who will talk to the children about climate change and 'carbon capture'.

In Design Technology the children will be making a simple toy using a winding mechanism out of reclaimed materials. Please start collecting cereal packets and cotton reels for the children to bring in at a later date.

In PE the children will be doing invasion games, dance linked with PSME and gymnastics. PE kit should be in school at all times. PSME will be about saying 'No' to bullying and giving the children strategies that can be used to defuse situations or encourage bullies to change.

Please make sure that you children's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Water for consumption during lessons must be in sports bottles which will not spill if knocked over.

The topic in R.E. is Leaders and Teachers within Christianity and Judaism. It will enable them to explore the meanings both in their own lives and within the lives of Christians and Jews.

In Art we will be investigating materials which will entail us using collections of different materials which can be used for weaving [threads, coloured paper, thin fabrics]. We will need simple wooden frames with small nails or pins tacked to the edges or small weaving looms. Can anyone help? Also, please collect clean bottle tops, twigs, coloured wire, and metallic paper, small shiny items such as fragments of glittery fabric, sequins and decorative threads. Also, nearer the time, we would appreciate some help with getting nearly 30 children to be weavers. Volunteers required! Please provide an art shirt for painting lessons. Lots of children have not yet brought anything to protect their clothes during art lessons. An old shirt or blouse with long sleeves is ideal. To stop the sleeves dragging in the paint it is a good idea to cut off the cuffs and run some elastic around the opening. This is very effective in keeping the school uniform clean.

Homework is usually given on Wednesday or Thursday and must be brought back, without fail, by the following Tuesday. Giving it in early is perfectly acceptable.

Children will continue to have French lessons with Ms Tattersfield.

Thank you for your continued support. We eventually managed to collect the fantastic sum of £160 for the disabled children and young people in Rajasthan. We were very moved by your help, enthusiasm and generosity. We would like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2010.

Kind regards

Mrs Valerie Heywood and Ms Penny Doyle