

Torrige Class Parent's Newsletter

Spring 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and the children are ready for a busy term.

This term, during the first half of term, it will be Year 5 and Year 6 who will have an opportunity to take part in Forest School activities. Every Monday they will need to bring in a change of warm suitable clothes, including waterproof clothing and wellie-boots.

Our over-riding topic for the term is 'Money and Materials'. Topic work will continue to be taught in blocks (this was requested by the children and seems very popular), our first topic will be learning about materials. In science, children will learn to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. They will learn to apply the correct terminology when describing the properties of materials, (hardness, solubility, transparency, and electrical and thermal conductivity.) They will also learn to give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials.

We will close the first half of term by looking at different materials used in sculptures. We intend to visit Broomhill Sculpture Garden on January 25th to view the variety of sculptures they have on display and will then create our own sculpture for our outdoor spaces. More information about this trip will be sent home soon.

Our geography topic will be to learn about economic activity and trade links between countries to include the trade in cocoa and chocolate.

During our DT topic we will reuse waste materials to create a money box. Children will need a cylindrical container with a screw lid large enough to fit a 50p piece. An empty salt container or a Yazhoo milk bottle would be suitable. Please try to find a container by the start of the second half of term.

In our second science topic we will be learning about healthy life-styles and the impact of healthy choices of diet and exercise upon our heart.

Mr Parsons will continue to teach Bluebot programming in computing on Thursday and Mrs Collins will teach music. Mrs Palmer will teach PE and RE to the class on Tuesday. In RE children will study the Old Testament and the People of God. They will consider what it is like to follow God. In PE children will develop their gymnastic skills.

Within PHSE children will consider the importance of savings, setting budgets and economic choices that affect individuals and communities.

Our Mindfulness session will be reintroduced (having had a break while we prepared for our Christmas performance). An evening 'Introduction to Mindfulness' will be offered to parents on 18th January at 6pm, more details will follow shortly.

There is a lot to fit into this short term! However, I am sure it will be fun.

Yours truly

Wendy Evans

Day	Register 8.50-9.05am 20min	Lesson 9.05-9.30am 25min	Lesson 9.30-10.15am 45min	Collective Worship Break	Lesson 10.55am-12.00pm 65min	Lunch	Lesson 1.30-13.55pm 25min	Lesson 13.55-14.40pm 45min	Lesson 14.40-15.25pm 45min	Afterschool
Monday	Quick task	Y3 G. Read Y4 W Shark Y5 Spelling Y6 Bk task	Maths		Literacy		Quiet read alternate weeks Y3 Y4 spelling test	Forest School		KS2 Sports with Amy Lessiter & Staff meeting
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Tuesday	Quick task	Y3 Bk task Y4 G. Read Y5 W. Shark Y6 Spelling	Maths		Literacy		Quiet read alternate weeks Y5 Y6 spelling test	RE	PE	ICT Club with Dean & Chess/Games Club with WE (alternate weeks)
Wednesday	Quiet read	Y3 Spelling Y4 Bk task Y5 G. Read Y6 W Shark	Maths		Literacy		Mindfulness	Topic (science/art/geography/DT/ science in blocks)		
Thursday	Times table test		Music		ICT		Mindfulness	Maths	Literacy	KS1 Active Club with PP & Y6 Homework Club with WE
Friday	Quiet read	Y3 W. Shark Y4 Spelling Y5 Bk task Y6 G. Read	Maths	Literacy	French	Topic (science/art/geography/DT/ science in blocks)		Story Time t.b.c		