

# Fisherman Class Summer Term Letter

Dear parents/guardians

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine. We have a very exciting term ahead in Fisherman Class. Please see below the details of our curriculum this term.



## Geography: Sensational Safari

This unit will teach children about the geography of Kenya through focusing on the main human and physical features of the country. Children will learn about the key geographical features of the country including Kenyan wildlife, landscapes and culture. Children will learn about the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK along with continuing to develop their geographical skills through a variety of fun and interactive activities.

## History: World War II

Next term we will be learning about World War II and Remembrance, during which the children will find out about Walter Tull and his life and times; the differences between then and now; how Walter Tull has been remembered; soldiers' experiences in the First World War; the role of animals in the war; the experiences of women; and how Remembrance Day is marked.

## Science: Plants *then* Materials

This half term, we will be finishing our Plants (light and dark) unit, during which they will then plan and conduct their own investigation to observe whether plants thrive in a light or dark environment. Then we will be studying Materials. In this unit, the children will learn to identify different materials and their properties. We will also be enjoying Science Week during the week commencing 29th April. This year's theme is Time, and we will once again be welcoming Atomic Tom for an exciting assembly and workshops.



## PE

As part of our BGN partnership, all children in Fisherman Class will be taking part in a cricket event at BGN on Thursday 25th April. Our PE day continues to be a Thursday afternoon with Mr Lines—please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each week. This term the children will be covering Football FUNdamentals. We will also continue to learn dance on a Friday afternoon.



## Music

This term we will be continuing with our Charanga music by learning to sing and play the song *Zootime*. Next term we will be learning the Friendship Song

## Art: Landscapes and Cityscapes

In this Landscapes and Cityscapes unit the children will learn about the bright colours and bold brushstrokes used by the Impressionists, and other artists, when painting landscapes and cityscapes. They will be introduced to the work of Claude Monet, Vincent van Gogh, and Jean Metzinger. They will think about the similarities and differences between the work of the different artists, looking at the colours, painting styles, settings, and times of day. They will make paintings, drawings, and mosaic art, inspired by the three artists.



## DT: Sensational Salads

This Sensational Salads unit will build on their learning in Dips and Dippers to teach the children about peeling, zesting, cutting safely and applying these skills when preparing healthy dishes. Children will learn key information about healthy eating and where their food comes from. They will gain some practical ideas about ingredients that can be combined to make interesting and healthy salads.



## RE: Books, Thanksgiving and Opportunities

Catholic children in Year 2 will be continuing their preparations for First Holy Communion this term. In our first RE unit, we will be completing our learning about Lent as part of our Thanksgiving unit. Then we will start our Spread the Word unit in which we will learn about Ascension. Finally we will complete the Rule unit, in which we learn about making mistakes, saying sorry and asking for forgiveness.

## Homework

We are delighted to be continuing with the reading challenge this year. The challenge offers an incentive for children to read at home daily by rewarding them with prizes and certificates at each milestone they reach. Children have opportunities to win prizes and collect house points to earn an extra reward for their house at the end of the year. Please support your child by encouraging them to read daily at home and tick off their progress in the Reading Challenge Passport.

Children in years 1 and 2 will be given spellings to learn at home weekly. Spelling tests will be conducted on a Friday and new spellings given.

Children in year 2 will be given a weekly maths or English homework sheet to complete. These will be given out on a Friday and must be handed in the following Thursday. Children in year 2 are also expected to be practising their times tables in line with their own personal achievements on the Multiples Marathon Challenge. If you are not sure which level your child is working on, or if you need me to print you some practise sheets, please do let me know.



## Read Write Inc Phonics

Most children in Fisherman Class will have daily phonic sessions to teach them key skills for reading and writing. They will bring home a phonic sound book (Reception) or reading book (Year One and Two) every day so that they can share their learning with you. The sound book will be dated to indicate which sound has been taught in school that day. Please ensure that the sound books are kept in your child's book bag when not in use as they will be used in school regularly. Please date and comment in your child's school planner when they have shared their new sound with you or if they have read to you.

The children in year 1 will be undertaking their phonic screen in June. Further information will be sent home over the next couple of weeks with suggestions and activities that can be used at home alongside your regular reading to support your child with this. If you have any questions about this then please do not hesitate to come and see me,



### Snack and Milk

All children in Fisherman Class are provided with a healthy snack each day that is enjoyed in the morning with a story. If your child does not like the fruit that is offered they are welcome to bring a healthy alternative. Please note that crisps, chocolate sweets and biscuits will not be permitted. Children are also offered milk until the turn 5 for free. Once your child has turned 5, they can still have milk at snack but it must be paid for by the parents at a subsidised rate. Please see the attached letter from Cool Milk for more information about how you can pay for your child's school milk should you wish to.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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