China Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to you all and a warm welcome to our new parents. I hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday. The children in China class have settled well and are learning about China for their topic work.

Curriculum

Art- Chinese Art

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PE- Gymnastics and NUFC coaching

Computing - Research and presentation of work

French- Extension of work on numbers and dates

Maths- Place value, addition and subtraction, multiplying and fractions

Literacy- Non Chronological reports and story writing

Science- Year 5 Earth in space

Year 6 Light

Reading at home

Please read with your child as regularly as possible- at least three times a week. All the children have a reading record. Could you please sign this to show you have listened to them read and discussed the text with them. Please discuss the vocabulary in the text with your child and have a deep understanding of what they have read.

Spellings

The children will bring home up to 10 spellings linked to the spelling pattern they have been taught in school that week. They will also be given 3 or 4 tricky words to learn. Please help them to practise their spellings before the test on Mondays. Their red spelling books should be brought into school each day.

Learn Its

The yellow Learn It books will help your child to gain speed with their mental calculations. They will be expected to know their tables by heart and know any corresponding division facts.

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be returned by Wednesday so it can be marked. We would like the children to work as independently as possible, however, we would encourage you to talk to your child about the tasks and that they understand what to do.

PE/ Swimming

Throughout the year all of the children will be having a training session with Newcastle United on a Thursday morning. This is not just football but will cover general sporting skills, team work and fitness. In the New Year, Year Five will be swimming on a Friday and Year Six will remain in school for PE. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day and that all items are named. If they do not have their kit, they will need to go to another classroom while their class has PE.

Class worship

Our class worship will be 13th November at 9.15 – we look forward to seeing you there.

Punctuality

When the children arrive in school, they have tasks to complete which support the maths and English curriculum. Please ensure your child arrives on time. If you wish your child to walk home alone, please let me know in writing. Please ask the office for a copy of the “Safeguarding pupils travelling to and from school policy” if you do not already have one. Please complete the permission slip on page 3. This policy can also be found on the school web site. We would ask that holidays are not taken during term time.

Communication

We will continue to send out class and school newsletters. These will also be available on the website. We continue to use Parent Mail, so please make sure your contact details are correct. If you need to speak to us, please arrange a time at the end of the day as mornings can be hectic. Parents meetings will be held in October and February.

Sex Education

Sex Education is now part of the year 5 science curriculum, so will be taught to the year 5 children this year. A letter will follow nearer the time.

Transition to high school

The portal is now open for the parents of year six to apply for high school. A letter has gone home about an open evening at the Duchess High School and we would encourage you to take your child for a look around. Maurice Hall, the Head Teacher will be visiting us on 20th September to speak to the children in Year 6. Throughout the year visits and events will be taking place to make the transition as smooth as possible for your child. We are looking to include the Year 5 in this as much as possible.

SATs tests for Year six

The children in Year six will sit their SATs tests in the week beginning 14th May 2018. Please do not book holidays during this week. We feel it is important the children do not become stressed or over anxious about the tests. They will be well prepared in class through the curriculum coverage in lessons and in homework tasks. Closer to the tests the children will sit practise tests so they can get used to the timings and to the format of the papers as this will make them feel more prepared. If you would like information about how to prepare your child further, please ask.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Rebecca Hedley