China Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all - I hope you had a relaxing break. I want to say a big thank you for all your support in the lead up to Christmas, and particularly with the Christmas production. The children were fantastic and their hard work certainly paid off. I was very proud of all of them. This half term is short but we still have lots to fit in.

**Curriculum**

English- We will be looking at arguments and persuasive writing and personal writing, such as post cards. Our guided reading novel will be “Holes” by Louis Sacher.

Maths- Shape and space, including angles, drawing and measuring and properties of shape.

Science- Both year groups will be looking at animals including humans. Year 5 will focus on puberty and how animals change and grow. Year 6 will look at internal systems, including circulation.

Topic- Topic this term is geography and will focus on rivers around the world, the physical features and human uses.

French- Hobbies and pastimes.

Art – Sketching and still life drawing.

RE- Islamic Lifestyles

**Homework**

Homework will continue 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. The children are still expected to read at home and have their reading records signed each week.

**PE**

PE on a Thursday will continue to be delivered by NUFC and will focus on problem solving. Year 5 will be swimming and doing different activities at Willowburn and you should have had a letter regarding this. Year 6 will be doing PE in school on a Friday morning.

**Arrival in school**

You should have had a letter about the new morning arrangements for Key Stage 2 children. The children will need to line up in the school yard and be taken in to school by staff members, and parents are asked not to come into the mobile at the start and end of the day. Thank you for your support in this.

**Visitors to school**

As part of the Sex and Relationship Education programme, the school nurse will be in school to talk to the Year 5 pupils in January and you will have a separate letter regarding this.

In the summer term, Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the bikeability programme where they are taught to cycle safely on local roads. I am giving advanced warning of this as they are no longer able to provide bikes and helmets - children will need their own, so it gives you time to organise a bike if they would like to take part.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Rebecca Hedley