

# Class Newsletter

January 2016



Happy New Year – I trust you have enjoyed the Christmas holiday. Peacock Class aim to develop their cross-curricular learning this term. Science will impact upon maths and topic lessons as the class investigate micro-organisms and begin investigations. Homework continues to assist classroom activity, your support is much appreciated – thank you.

Mr Murphy

School topic for this half term is: All Creatures Great And Small  
Our enquiry question is: Are micro-organisms beneficial to humans?

## English

Pupils' dedication to research, draft and edit their own writing continues to impress staff. We aim to complete a short story; considering punctuation and grammar with care. This will culminate in a cyber café – parents will be invited to school to hear children read and *Skype* our partnership school in Australia.



## Maths

You may have read the news concerning the government's expectations for all primary school children to learn their times tables. We practise tables four times a week and support this learning with *timed maths* homework each Friday. We will revise the four operations and Mr Rumsey will continue to support Year 6. ☺



## Topic

Last term we followed the Romans' journey as they invaded Britain. Peacock Class discussed the impact of Roman inventions & transport. All Creatures Great And Small will begin in search of living things too small for the naked eye to see. As we study larger animals, we will consider their habitat and food chains before considering the impact of climate

## PE

Mr Ward continues to teach PE on a Tuesday afternoon – encouraging the class to become physically active. Please remind your child to bring their PE kit to school at all times including football boots and shin-pads for those playing football. Peacocks will also have the chance to participate in dance on Wednesdays. Pupils may bring their own footballs to school but they should not be playing football in the morning before school starts – football is encouraged during lunchtime when children have time to change footwear – thank you.

## PSHE and RE

We would like to thank Paddy Venner for visiting Year 5 & 6. Paddy develops the children's confidence levels and gives each child a voice. We hope he returns for a final session before May.

Enquiry question: How do religious believers express their ideas about God?

## How to support at home

Homework continues to be explained and examples of written methods demonstrated before setting questions. A summary:  
Monday – Big Maths!  
Wednesday – Reading to an adult  
Friday – Spelling, Timed Maths, SATs Satchels (Year 6 only).

## School Partnerships

We have started two partnerships. Pupils have written letters to Madya Primary School, Zimbabwe and await replies...  
Mr Murphy has written to Goolwa Primary School, South Australia to confirm our partnership and Peacock Class look forward to joint ventures this year.

## Clubs

Pupils have requested a variety of clubs ranging from art & craft to chess. We will survey the class to determine the next club. Congratulations to Ben L, our chess champion from last term.