

# Class Newsletter

January 2020



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 geography lessons as the class investigate micro-organisms and begin investigations. Homework supports learning in the classroom and remains essential to classroom activity – thank you.

Mr Murphy

Cross-curricular theme for this term is: All Creatures Great And Small

Our inquiry question is: Are micro-organisms beneficial to humans?

Respect

Responsibility

Compassion

Trust

Courage

Perseverance

## English

Pupils' dedication to research, drafting and editing their own writing continues to impress staff. We aim to complete our story-writing project. This will culminate in a cyber café – parents, will be invited to school to hear children read and a live *Face Time* with a teacher 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. ☺



## History

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 livings 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 change.

## 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. Premier Arts (Tuesdays) and Premier Sport (Wednesdays) continue. Pupils may bring their own footballs to school, please could these items, along with PE Kit be labelled with your child's name – thank you.

## Computing

We will use popular programming tools (LegWeDo) to control input and output programmes. Children will construct, programme and operate their own animatronics.

## RE, Philosophy

We would like to thank Paddy Venner for confirming his return. As a life-coach, Paddy develops the children's confidence levels and gives each child a voice. We hope he returns for a final session after May. We will consider what it means to be part of a global Christian community.

## 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 have received replies, children have copies! Mr Murphy has contacted our partnership school in Australia, and their teacher, Mr Foote, has confirmed he will be part of our reading café this year!

## Clubs

Pupils have requested a variety of clubs ranging from art & craft to chess. Some boys in Year 6 have offered to lead a club, more news to follow...