



# Lime Class



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and the children are now refreshed to enjoy the challenges of the Summer term ahead.

Our topic for the Summer Term is 'Ooh la la'.

As we have a link with France, through our class penpals, we will be improving and learning new Geography Skills through studying France. We will begin by collecting ideas of what the children already know about France. Following this we will be making a passport and considering ways to travel off to France to begin our discovery of the country.

PE this term will focus on outdoor games and athletics, taught by our Sports coach on Thursdays and Mrs Wells on a Wednesday.

In Science this term, we will be studying 'Living things and their habitats'. We will learn the differences between things that are living, dead and those that have never been alive. Discuss what living organisms need to stay alive and well. Investigate the habitats that they live in and study simple food chains and how animals obtain their food.

In RE, the topic is based on 'Sources of Wisdom; Human responsibility and values; Justice and fairness.' The children will learn about sacred texts and stories, their guidance and impact. They will also explore Buddhism and discuss what is right and wrong, just and fair.

In ICT, we will use software, such as PowerPoint, to understand that digital tools support the drafting and presentation of word-based texts. The children will also use the following tools: formatting (font size, style and colour etc.), backspace and delete during inputting and editing and caps lock and shift key appropriately.

For the first half-term in our PSHE lessons, we will explore 'Relationships', beginning by looking at our Personal Network hands. In the second half-term, we will be considering 'Changes'. The children will consider how they feel when things are about to change and how to look forward to what's ahead.

Our D and T will be linked to our project on France and we will be designing and building our own 'Tour Eiffel'.

In Art we will find out about the life and Paintings of Vincent Van Gogh.

Please feel free to send in any items you think would support the children's learning this term such as books, photographs, posters and artefacts etc.

As well as these topics, all children will continue to take part in daily maths and literacy lessons. At Parents Evening many of you asked how to help your child with writing. I am glad to say that we have been lucky enough to arrange for Martin Galway, one of the English Advisers, to come and talk about 'Motivating children to write.....how you can help at home' on Tuesday evening 19<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow but do save the date. We also have a 'Mindfulness for Parents' Evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, so put it in the diary.

This term promises to be a busy but exciting one, with outdoor curriculum week just before half-term, the Year 2 Music Festival, Mersea for the Year 3 children and the Key Stage 2 Summer production.

Please can I ask for your help in keeping your child safe by writing in their red homework diary if someone other than you is picking them up as some children become anxious at the end of the day when they are not sure who is picking them up.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement with your child's learning helping them to achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely

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