

Lime Class

Welcome back Lime Class.

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas with your children and a well-deserved rest. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your incredibly generous gifts and wishes.

Below you will find more detail about what your child will be learning this term.

This half term we will focus on **History**, and we will be analysing information about a well-known period of British history by asking ourselves the following over reaching question:

'Tudor times - why were things not quite as they seemed?'

We will use our skills of investigation and interpretation to understand how life has changed in Britain and why.

After half term, in **Geography**, as part of our studies of contrasting locations around the world, we will be learning about the human and physical Geography of the US state of California.

We will be asking the question **'Would we like to live in California?'** and then answering it by thinking about a series of smaller questions such as:

Whereabouts in the world is California?

What are the physical and human features of California?

What is the weather like there?

What well known places can we find in California?

Why might people visit California?

Lime Class will continue to be taught **PE** on Thursdays by our super sports coach Matt who will be teaching netball and tag rugby this term. The children will be able to enjoy a short yoga session in the hall once a week on a Friday and will also have a dance session with a specialist dance teacher on Mondays. Forest school sessions with Connor will continue on Wednesday mornings.

In **Science**, year 3 will learn about light followed by rocks and fossils and year 4 will learn about sound, including the anatomy and function of the human ear.

In **RE**, Year 3 will once again look at Christianity by learning about Easter, thinking about the figure of Jesus in more detail, Year 4's will learn about the Jewish festival of Passover.

PSHE units in the Autumn term will be keeping safe and rights and respect.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be learning about textiles by researching, designing and making drawstring bags and in **Art** we will learn about impressionism and hone our skills with pastels and paint techniques.

In **Computing**, children will learn about early programming skills and the uses of robots.

In **Music** we will be using the BBC ten pieces resources to explore a piece called 'storm interlude'.

Our **French** units are all about fruit and vegetables, perhaps we will have to role play a trip to

the market!

As well as these topics, children will continue to take part in daily **Maths and English** sessions. The children will keep on using a range of different styles of writing, fictional and non-fictional for a variety of purposes and audiences and the writing will be linked to our topics, whenever possible.

Home Learning is set as follows and a notification will be posted on Tapestry to alert parents:

ENGLISH HOME LEARNING

SPAG ~ English Home Learning will focus on reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar (spag.com). Each child has spag.com log in details and is able to access set activities, exercises and tests. Online Home Learning activities for Spag will be set every two weeks with a notice posted on Tapestry.

Reading ~ Your child should record their daily reading in their Reading Journal by writing down the title of the book, date and pages read. When your child has finished their reading book, they are expected to write a book review in their Reading Journal. A model/example of what is expected can be found stuck inside the Reading Journal. Whilst we expect the children to become increasingly more independent readers, children should still read to adults at home whenever possible and parents/carers should continue to ask children questions about the text their child is reading (see '***A quick guide to reading in Lime Class***'). Please try to read with your child regularly and add a comment in the Journal if you wish.

Spelling ~ Some spellings to be learnt at home will be set on a Monday and on the following Monday they will have a short dictation/quiz using the week's words. The word list will be in their reading diaries and will be available on the class page of the website and on Tapestry.



MATHS HOME LEARNING

Children should regularly practise their times tables and be able to recall these and any related facts at speed. Your child has their own log in details for 'TTRockStars' and will be set challenges to complete online. These are part of their compulsory home learning. The teachers at school can monitor their activity and progress through this platform remotely.



It is expected that Lime class pupils spend 10-15 minutes on TTRockstars every day even if no challenge is set. We also encourage the use of 'Hit the Button' on www.topmarks.co.uk

This term I will begin to set sessions on TTRockstars for the children to complete. The session will begin on Wednesday and close the following Wednesday.

All children have a Winning with Numbers login. This is a home learning site which progresses in stages called 'wins' and contains short teaching videos along with sets of practice and retrieval questions sorted into 'goals'. The children will learn about each win in class on Thursday and will then have a week to complete the goal questions for that win.

PE and Forest

The children have PE on Monday and Thursday but it is expected that they come to school dressed in sports clothes and trainers every day as part of our school dress code. Sports activities are available outside for the children in their break and lunch times every day.

Forest is on Wednesday mornings and they will need layered warm clothes with long sleeves, long trousers and wellies. We will provide waterproofs.

We hope you find this information useful. We continue to be excited to work together with you over the coming term to offer your child the very best learning experiences. This term again promises to be a busy one. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential.

Please, do remember to check the school newsletters and the class blog on the school website for fortnightly updates and photos of the children's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Courtman-Stock, Mrs Erdogan and Ms Lane

Lime Class Team