



Lower Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2017

Welcome

Welcome back to the Summer Term. This is going to be an exciting term with lots of activities planned for the children. We will be taking advantage of the lovely weather by bringing the learning outside where possible. It is important to keep the children safe in the sun at this time so we recommend your child wears sunscreen on hot days and drink plenty of water.

We know that children learn better if they are well hydrated so we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. There are no cups available in school therefore it is essential that they have a water bottle with a sports top on. These can be bought from the office for £1 or you are welcome to provide your own.

First Holy Communion

Year 4 will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Holy Communion during May. This is a very special time for our children and we look forward to celebrating this special occasion with the children and their families .



Ankoma

As you are aware the children have been raising funds for the Ankoma School in Ghana, Africa.

During Lent, each class chose an activity which contributed to the **grand total of £1,823.77.**

Some children did sponsored events, others held a raffle, others washed cars, whatever activity they did it was lovely to see all the children working together to support another school who, as I am sure you are aware, operate in very difficult circumstances.

Over the next few weeks the school council will be meeting with classes to decide how this money will be spent and how it can support the education and healthcare of the children of Ankoma School. I would like to thank all our families for helping us raise this money and for supporting us in raising the children's awareness of the lives of our friends in Ghana. We will keep you informed of the decisions of the children and will use our APP and our Website to post pictures and articles about this venture.

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Home Activities

- ☺ Support and encourage your child's home reading.
- ☺ Ensure homework is completed.
- ☺ Talk to your child about what they are learning in school.
- ☺ Visit school website and suggested websites, Apps and activities.

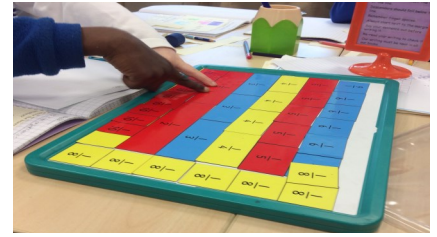
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Maths

This term we will be exploring fractions and decimals, length and perimeter, time, shape, volume and capacity (Year 3) , coordinates (Year 4) and statistics. The children apply and deepen their understanding through a range of reasoning and problem solving activities.

To support children's understanding of mathematical concepts, we will use a range of visual, practical and interactive resources, and make connections across the curriculum where we can.



Literacy

Year 3 and 4 are looking at strategies to improve the quality of writing. We have recently introduced new 'Editing Stations' so the children can edit each others work and provide useful feedback. There is a high focus on presentation, handwriting, and GPS. We would be grateful for any support you could give your child at home.



Our literacy genres this term will be: Stories set in an imaginary worlds, poetry-exploring form and then an extra genre which will follow the children's interests.

If your child has an IDL password, please make sure they access the app at home, this has proven to be very successful, with children making amazing progress.

Topic

This term, we have just started our new topic 'Where would you choose to build a City?' We will be focusing on developing the children's geography skills. They will study the power of the Earth, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains and the water cycle. Followed by a river and location study, looking at settlements, land use, economic activity, natural resources and water supplies.



Science

There will be lots of exciting things happening around Science during the summer term. Year 3 and 4 will soon be starting our 'electricity' topic and look forward to investigating 'Animals and their habitats.'



Art

The children have had a great time producing some wonderful artwork to be displayed in an exhibition in Hope University.



Reading for Pleasure

It is really important that the children are encouraged to read for pleasure at home and that they regularly change their library and home reader book too. Thank you to those parents who read with their children every night – If your child reads anything at home, please just write a line in their reading record book to let us know.

If you're not sure what to read with your child at home, please see your child's class teacher or look at the website under the Reading tab, there are book recommendations from the children and quite a lot of information on there to guide you. Please don't forget, you are welcome to come and change your child's book any Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning from 9am - 9:30am.

Also if you have the opportunity over the term, take a visit to a Library, the children will have access to thousands of books and can even join an e-library, all free of charge.

As our Christmas and Easter reading initiatives were such a success, for our next reading initiative we have compiled reading challenges for each book band the children are currently reading. Please check your child's reading folder in the next few days for more information. If you would like to hear children read in school, we desperately need some reading volunteers so if you are interested in this opportunity, please speak to Mrs Burns.



Copper reading
Challenge

While you are reading the copper book band, don't forget to include these books in your library choice...

- A book which was made into a film.
- A book with non-human characters.
- A book with a one word title.
- A book set in a different country.
- A book with more than 100 words.
- A book published in the past three years.
- A book with a number in the title.
- A funny book.

Music



Year Three and Year Four have been visiting 'Resonate' as part of a fun packed music day which give the children the opportunity to



Mathletics

With the demands of the new curriculum, all pupils will be looking to fine tune their numeracy skills, especially over the summer term. We have lots of children who are accessing Mathletics at home but if your child has not accessed it yet, please encourage them to log on from your home computer or iPad and try and gain as many gold bars as possible. Our school have purchased a license so that your child can use Mathletics at school and at home. Every child has been given their own unique username and password. If you have any questions regarding Mathletics, please see your child's teacher.



Homework Activities

Homework is set on a **Friday** and will be expected in no later than **Thursday** morning. The homework task is explained in class, and will generally be an activity to consolidate learning. Please encourage your child to check that they understand what they need to do on a Friday, and bring it back into school on Monday to ask a teacher if they are unsure.

Don't forget to encourage your child to log on to 'Purple Mash' it enables children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way.



Uniform

The children must wear the correct school uniform at all times including ties and appropriate footwear. Suitable summer uniform for the girls is a summer dress and blue cardigan with no open toe shoes; for the boys a short sleeve shirt, with a tie and shorts. Coloured trainers are not acceptable, they must be black shoes or trainers.

PE

It is essential that all children have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday, in case we need to change the timetable to make the most of opportunities and the weather.

For health and safety reasons, it is important that all children wear the **correct clothing** for PE.

Keeping Safe on Line

In order to keep your child safe online please supervise and monitor the content of the websites they are using. Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe. You can also use parental controls on social networks, online games and browsers and on both hardware and software that can filter or monitor what your child can see. Please have a look at the E-Safety page on our website. A great site is the Think you know one , with lots of help for anyone who is concerned. www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Picnic in the park -Attendance Success!

Well done to Lower Key Stage Two! Every class in our area has won the attendance challenge during this academic year -To celebrate our success , we thought we would have a joint 'Picnic in the park' - We will send further details of this as soon as possible . We would like to say a great 'Thank You' to all our parents and carers who make sure they get their children into school everyday .



Useful Websites and Apps

Spelling Apps

Rocket Speller
Hairy Words
Spelling Monsters
Vocabulary Spelling City
Word Tangle
SpellMania
Bitsboard

Websites

www.oliprimarieschool.co.uk
www.mathletics.co.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
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