



Buttercup Class

Class Newsletter - Summer 1



Welcome back to the final half term, Buttercup Class! We are very proud of the motivated and focussed way you undertook your SATs - we know everyone did their very best! Well done to you all for your hard work leading up to these tests. This half term, transition will be a major focus in many of our lessons and activities as you prepare to leave us and head off to secondary school. We have much to enjoy before you go though, including: a talk from Chris Lubbe, an inspirational speaker, our trip to Harlow Outdoors and, of course, our year 6 production of *The Wrong Way Round*! We are looking forward to spending this last half term with you!

Maths: We will be looking at data and interpreting its different representations, as well as at algebra and sequences. We will also have opportunities to consider financial maths and practical maths for the real world.

PSHE The focus of our PSHE lessons this term is on 'Changing Me' where we will be thinking about how we have changed since we were a baby and how we will continue to change as we grow, how babies are made and how to manage our self-esteem. We are still considering The Zones of Regulation, to remind us of strategies for mindfulness and emotional awareness; to help with recognising emotions and build resilience and healthy connections with others.

Year 6 Play: We hope you are looking forward to our production of *'The Wrong Way Round'* on Wednesday 8th of July. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

RE: Our continuing key question is, 'Does belief in the Akhirah help Muslims lead good lives?' We will be learning about what leading a good life means and how this is applied in the Muslim faith, offering plenty of opportunities for discussion about different actions and consequences..

PE: PE with Mr. Webb will be on a Friday afternoon and with Mr Harris every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has **black jogging bottoms** and a **black jumper** in school, as PE lessons will continue to be outside, where applicable.

Reminders

School uniform must be worn at all times. Long hair should be tied back at all times. Water bottles are allowed (but please name them!). Children may arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am; school finishes at 3:20pm.

English

We start by finishing our mini project on 'The Three Little Pigs' before moving on to 'Grimm Tales for Young and Old'. These retellings are more closely based on the original tales, with darker twists! We will then write our own tales based on what we have read!

In our whole class reading sessions, we will be reading additional Grimm Tales to support our understanding of the common structures, through which we are developing our key reading skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing. All of these will be covered throughout the novel. Grammar and spelling have a high profile, with the learning and application of key skills.

Science Our science topic this term is 'Circulation and Health.' We will start by thinking about factors that have negative and positive impacts on our health and then study the circulatory system and the functions of blood. We will then look at the heart rates of different animals and find out why our own heart rate changes when we exercise.

Homework

Homework will be available on a **Thursday** and is due in on the following **Thursday**. Homework tasks will be completed online alongside daily reading. Whilst pupils are completing their tasks, please be mindful of their online activity and ensure appropriate measures are in place to keep your child safe online. We will use the following programs to set homework: Doodlemaths, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Reading will continue to have a high profile this year - please make sure your child is **reading regularly at home**. Reading records will be checked at least once a week. School books can be changed when needed and children are encouraged to also read a book of their choice from our class bookshelf or one they have brought in from home.

Further Curriculum

In history, our question is 'What was the Sikh Empire?'. We will look the historical impact of the Sikh Empire and its lasting impressions on our society today.

For Art, we will be looking at 3D sculptures, creating a sculpture within a box that reflects ourself and our time at primary school - we will be needing more boxes!

Our Computing lessons will focus on coding before looking at creating text adventures.

In French, we will learn the nouns and appropriate determiners relating to weekend activities and conjugate some related verbs. We will learn how to talk about time in French, as well as look at what activities we might do over the weekend.

Finally, please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions. You can also call the office or send an email at: admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk. Thank you.