

Orang-utan Class Newsletter

Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 3 is coming to an end, we have worked hard over the last five (and a bit!) weeks and really got to grips with some tricky stuff! The children have been a pleasure to teach, embarking on all activities with energy and enthusiasm; this was particularly apparent when we started the term with our very successful Cultural Festival - I know that the rest of the school appreciated their efforts.

Next term, the focus will continue to be linked to Britain: reading *The London Eye Mystery*, studying the geography of the United Kingdom, looking at British Values and the work of famous British artists. Our English work will also focus on non-chronological report writing based around places in Britain. We will also have Book Week; this will involve looking at the story *The Journey*.

Mrs Malins will continue to teach the children French, music, art and RE.

I am looking forward to seeing parents to discuss children individually and to go through expectations and preparation for the SATs tests in May. To support children with this we will continue to have a strong SPaG focus and supporting the children with their problem solving strategies and arithmetic in maths.

- **MENTAL MATHS & SPELLINGS:** The Year 6 children will undertake problem solving practice and calculation practice. Spellings will continue to be through the spelling detective approach whereby the children will be given the focus with some examples of words following that pattern; through the week the children will investigate and explore the pattern and will be tested on words containing that pattern on Friday.
- **PE:** We would ask that your child has all their PE kit in school each day as the timetable can change due to the weather and other unforeseen circumstances. (PE kits should include a change of socks, especially for girls who are wearing tights!)

Thank you for your continuing support and I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term.

Best wishes,
Claire Hale

Key Areas of Study for Term 4

MATHS	Problem solving strategies Time - including time-tables and calculating time durations in 12 and 24 hour clock	ART / DT	Landscapes around Britain (using human and physical landscapes)
ENGLISH	Non-chronological report writing <i>The Journey</i> SPaG focus - to secure and consolidate Learning	PSHE	A healthy lifestyle
SCIENCE	Living Things	PE	Volleyball Gymnastics
Computing	Creating a text adventure game	FRENCH	Food!
RE	Inspirational people	MUSIC	Classroom Jazz