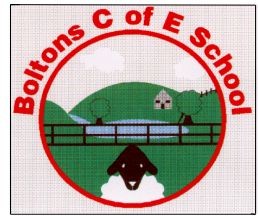


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Dear Parents,

Just a quick letter to let you know what is happening this term as it is sure to be very busy!

Most importantly the children have been asking when their 'show and tell' is! We did both year groups last Friday as the last day of term was too busy to do show and tell and both year groups had brought in home-made / found items. That means:

Yr 1s : May 5th, 19th, June 9th, 23rd, July 7th.
Yr 2s: May 12th, 26th, June 16th, 30th, July 14th.

This term we will be covering the following:

English

In English we are writing adventure stories, some of which will link into topic and others will be one off stories. Grammar and punctuation objectives are linked to these pieces of writing so this week for instance, we will be writing a pirate adventure that relates to our work on exclamations and commands. In this, our final term, we are bringing together and revising much of the previous work that we have covered including: commas in lists; using question marks and exclamation marks; applying spelling rules for adding suffixes and using adjectives and adverbs. Obviously we will continue to nag about capital letters, full stops and finger spaces! Phonics is being taught by myself, Mrs Smith and Mrs Pitcher. Spelling will continue to be taught on a Friday and tests are on Fridays too. In addition to this yr 2s receive short spelling lessons, first thing in a morning, for about 15 minutes. While they do this yr 1s are doing handwriting or phonics related activities. I try to mark the spellings straight after the test so that new spellings can go out on the Friday. Occasionally this may not be possible so please don't worry if spellings go home on a Monday, but I'll do my best!

It was lovely to see that so many of you are involved in our reading challenge. Please continue to record the minutes your child is being read to or looking at/ reading books, as we are continuing the challenge until the end of term.

Maths

As in English, in maths we are building on and revising much of the work that we did last term. We will particularly be focussing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In yr 1 this is still supported by apparatus – so using hundred squares and number lines and in year 2 we are working towards removing apparatus and doing it more through formal recording methods and mentally. So please can I encourage you to keep helping your child learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and the associated division facts for the year 2s ...so how many 5s are there in 35 for example. Everyone has done really well with telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour and many are progressing towards the nearest 5 minutes. We will also be looking at fractions in greater depth and calculating fractions of amounts; again using apparatus to start with.

Science

In science we will be finishing of last terms topic of 'Forces', before moving onto look at plants. During this topic they will learn about how seeds and bulbs grow and come to understand what plants need to survive and stay healthy. They will also learn about seed dispersal.

Computing

In computing this term we are looking at 'grouping and Sorting'. This involves sorting using a range of criteria and then using 'Purple Mash' (our chosen computing programme) to carry out a range of sorting and grouping activities.

PE

There is a lot of PE being done at this time of year and at present years 1 and 2 are doing both cricket and tennis. Please can the children all have their PE kit – including trainers, in school at all times. Often in the summer plans change to take advantage of good weather!

Geography and History

In history this term we are going to be doing a 'local' topic, so we will be studying the Romans in northern Britain – hopefully we will be able to squeeze a trip in!

In geography the topic is 'Where we live'. The children will name and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK. To do this they will use atlases and maps, together with basic geographic vocabulary.

RE

Mrs Pitcher will be teaching RE.

Art, Design and Technology.

In art we have begun a mixed media piece relating to the Great Fire of London' which links in to topic. This includes colour mixing skills, painting and collage work. We will also be practising sketching skills – and hopefully will be able to go outside when the weather warms up a bit! We will also be making a model with moving parts and doing some baking.

Music

Mr Clark, our music specialist, will be teaching music throughout the term.

Please feel free to ask me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Garner