



Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you've all had a wonderful Easter holiday, please find below an overview of what we will be studying in the Summer term.

English

This term we are going to be focussing our English on the Arthurian legends and life in medieval England. We will start by reading an information text, 'How to catapult a castle!' The children will learn about how to defend and attack a castle and then write a non-chronological report explaining what they have learned. Then, we will read a fiction text, the wonderfully illustrated graphic novel, 'King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table,' written by Marcia Williams. The children will learn all about the life and adventures of King Arthur and his knights and will then write their own 'quest story' in this narrative tradition.

Maths

We will start the term by learning about mass and volume. The children will learn to read weighing scales in grams and kilograms and then how to compare, add and subtract mass. Similarly, the children will learn how to measure volume and capacity before learning how to compare, add and subtract it. These are extremely useful practical applications of Maths which the children will use in their daily life as adults.

Science

This term, we will continue to study plants. The children will learn the main parts of a plant as well as their functions and how this relates to their appearance and structure. They will learn about the absorption and transportation of water and nutrients in a plant and the role of a leaf for making food for the plant. They will also learn about the parts of the flower, their roles in plant reproduction and the stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.

Geography

The UK has a remarkably long coastline for a country of our size, wherever you are in the UK, you are never far from the coast. In this unit, the children will learn about the coast of the British Isles. Children will consider some of the advantages and disadvantages of living by the coast, and how much of the UK's coast has changed from a focus on fishing to one on tourism. Throughout the unit they will also be introduced to a few contrasting coasts around the world, and associated environmental issues, extending their coastal and locational knowledge and encouraging critical thinking and presenting an argument.

Reminders

We have an exciting trip coming up, on the 25th of April we will be visiting Creswell Crags, one of the best places in the UK to learn about Palaeolithic hunter-gatherers. Year 3 has finished our term of Forest School, so the children will no longer need their outdoor kit on Wednesdays. **PE will be on Tuesday and Friday**, please ensure that the children have their PE kits on these days. We would still really like the children to read every day (either independently or to an adult). We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children with prizes. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day so that adults in school can also hear them read.

If you have any questions at all do not hesitate to email me. My email is odemalplaquet@firbeck.org.uk. You can also send me a message on Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

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