



Summer Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to give everyone a warm welcome back after Half Term and hope everyone is well rested for the run up to the summer holidays!

Topic

This Half Term, Class 6 are exploring the topic of 'Black and British'. Through this unit of work, children will build a well-informed appreciation of the issues concerning race, using their knowledge of changing attitudes to Black people in Britain that stretch back millennia. They will learn much about how things change over time, as well as realising that some things remain fairly constant and there is much continuity of experience. Key concepts will be covered, as good preparation for KS3. These include: empire; migration; exploration; exploitation, slavery trade, discrimination and intermarriage.

English

This term in English, we will be studying the novel "Freedom: 1783" Author Catherine Johnson brings the horrific history of slavery to life in this important piece of historical fiction. This is a brilliant adventure story that manages to give young readers a really important insight into slavery without being so upsetting that it's impossible to read. A very fine balance, masterfully achieved. While the main character Nat is fictional, this story is based on historical events and contains many people who really existed in real life, from former slave-turned-author-and-abolitionist Olaudah Equiano to white abolitionist Granville Sharp.

Maths

This term the maths curriculum will cover position and movement and we will be revisiting and building on the children's knowledge of geometry, negative numbers, position and movement as well as graphs and averages, solving real life problems in a number of contexts. As always, knowledge of times tables are crucial. Please encourage your child to learn their rapid recall of times tables by using Times Table Rockstars.

Reminders

PE will be Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure sure your child has outdoor trainers and warm clothes because we will be outside as much as possible, weather permitting. We would 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 address in DEdwards@firbeck.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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