

# Class 3 Newsletter - Summer Term 2018

## English

Y5 - This term, the children are using 'The Railway Children' as their main text. From this they will be learning:; writing diary entries; informal and formal language and how to write an informal and formal letter; how to use simple retrieval and inference skills; analysing the structure and use of language in the text; story writing inspired by the text; newspaper reports; drama and role-play; using punctuation effectively and how to use a dictionary/ search engine effectively.

Y6 - Preparation for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Reading tests. Preparation for end of Key Stage 2 Writing assessment.

## Mathematics

Y5 - This term, the children will be learning: how to recognise and how to draw regular and irregular polygons; drawing symmetrical shapes; plotting coordinates; comparing and converting measurements; revisit fractions.

Y6 - Preparation for Arithmetic and Reasoning tests. Real life problems and investigations.

## Science

This term the children are learning about 'Living things and their habitats', which includes classification of living things; sexual and asexual reproduction of plants, life cycles of amphibians.

## History

This term the children are learning about the Mayans. They will ask and answer questions about their gods and beliefs; the games that they played; find out about their food and make tortillas based on their recipes; and look at evidence about why the Mayan civilisation died out.

### Geography

This term the children are learning about 'Land use in the local area'. This includes map work; farming in the local area; comparing past and present land use.

### P.E

This term the children in Y5 will be preparing for the skipping festival, which takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Following this, all the children will be developing their athletics skills and will have the opportunity to compete in the County Athletics Tournament. Swimming will also be offered this term and will be on Friday afternoons. See separate letter for information.

### Art/ DT

This term the children have been preparing and cooking their own pasta sauce in D.T and learning about the work of Ted Harrison in Art. Their next D.T lessons will be based on 'Moving Animals.'

### Other Information

As part of a drive to encourage future engineers, particularly girls, we are once again taking part in 'Wind in our Sails' which is an engineering competition held at Beamish Museum. The children will use K-Nex to design and build a windmill. Details to follow.

We will also begin rehearsals soon for our end of year production, 'Gold - the story of King Midas.' This is a great way for children to develop their confidence and performing skills. We encourage all the children to take part, whether it is a main speaking role or simply helping behind the scenes with sets and technology. Tickets will go on sale at the end of June.

### Sunscreen

Hopefully, we will have some lovely, warm days this term so please send a cap and sunscreen in.

Thank you for your support this year and if you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in touch.

