

Spring Term Newsletter. What's going on . . .

Welcome back! After a very busy Autumn Term, which included a successful geography field trip around our local area and developing our communication skills by carrying out surveys with the public to gauge their opinions on New Brighton, extending our culinary skills in DT—we hope the children have continued with these skills and helped prepare their Christmas dinners, successfully sewing our own toys in DT and also persevering with our cross stitch Christmas cards, we were certainly ready for our Christmas break!

We are now settled back into school after shaking off our Winter Blues and are ready to tackle the Spring Term with the same enthusiasm!



English/Maths

We have started reading our new class text, *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman, which has a reading focus this term and we have started making predictions about what is going to happen. We are looking forward to making cross-curricular links with our science topic this term, which is, 'Animals, including humans' and learning all about the heart and how the circulatory system works. We continue to place great emphasis on reading and children should be reading quality books from the recommended book list.

In maths we are continuing to enjoy showing our reasoning through our journaling to give children a deeper, clearer understanding of number. Children should either be completing paper homework from their teacher, or White Rose Diagnostic maths quizzes.

Communication:

21/1/24—World Religion Day

Parents' Evening will take place
20th/21st March.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. Don't forget to keep your eye on our website and Twitter for up to date information. We post on here regularly.

Sale Sharks . . . We are fortunate enough to have Sale Sharks returning to Year 5/6 this half term and they will be delivering rugby sessions and well-being sessions to us. All classes will take part in 4 sessions over the half term and all children will need to come into school in full PE kit— **reminder** green/black tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings, white T-shirt and trainers. No football kits/branded sportswear/

Normal PE sessions will take place as normal and this term that will be dance and striking and fielding games.

What are we going to be learning about in Spring?

History/Geography/Art/DT skills:

Our geography topic this term is, 'Would you like to live in the desert?' We will be looking at the characteristics of a desert biome and looking at the physical features of a desert and exploring how human activity may contribute to the changing climate and landscape of a desert.

Following this, we will have a History focus and we will be exploring the question, 'Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers?' We will be looking at where the Vikings came from and why they invaded Britain and why trade routes were important to the Vikings. We will end our unit by evaluating the impact of Viking achievements.

In DT our topic is structures and we will test and analyse various types of bridges to determine their strength and stability. We will explore material properties and sources, focussing on a truss bridge. Our art unit of work is, 'Make my voice heard', which examines how artists convey a message. We will be exploring imagery, symbols, expressive mark making and chiaroscuro to create powerful drawings.