

Bumblebee Class newsletter – terms 5 & 6



Dear families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing Easter break.

Our topic this term is 'school days'. During this topic we will learn about the history of our school, with a particular focus in term 6 on Victorian schools, and the old village school at Barrow Green. We will be analysing historical records and artefacts to allow us to identify any similarities and differences between our experience of school now, and school life in the past.

In English we will link our reading and writing to our 'school days' topic. We will share a variety of books and poems about school life, with a particular emphasis this term on non-fiction texts. Our writing will focus on list poems, diary entries and letters.

In maths we will be focussing on measuring length and height, mass, capacity and temperature. We will also cover fractions, telling the time, and statistics. Weekly homework activities will be set on MyMaths, and children should continue practising their 2, 5 and 10 times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Plant life cycles will be our focus in science, including growing and observing our own plants, learning to name plant parts, and recording how plants change through the seasons.

In art we will explore the work of American pop artist, James Rizzi, including making our own version of one of his colourful street scenes. In music we will listen to the work of Shostakovich, compose a piece of music to accompany a short film, and learn how to make digital music (combined music/computing focus). Our topic in PSHE will be relationships, and in RE we will be exploring Islam.

Please continue to read with your child/ren every day. It makes such a difference to their ability to progress across all subjects at school – even focussing on one page in detail is valuable (please don't feel you need to complete a book every day), as is re-reading books, which is why you might spot familiar titles in your child's book bag from time to time! Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes should please be completed at home once your child has finished an AR book. Please continue to send reading books and yellow reading records into school every day, so we can change books/review Accelerated Reader quiz outcomes/pick up any issues in a timely way.

The children have two PE lessons a week, on Monday and Wednesday. The Wednesday lesson is with our Team Theme coach. Please ensure that your child has a full, named PE kit in school. For health and safety reasons, children wearing earrings will not be able to participate in PE lessons, so please ensure earrings are removed on our PE days.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions, and thank you for your continued support. I am sure we will have an amazing term, with lots of wonderful work to share with you as we progress!

Kind regards,

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