

# Year 5 Newsletter Summer 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another new term already! We hope you had a pleasant break. Last term seemed to pass as quickly as ever and once again your help and support were invaluable. It is always much appreciated.

At the end of this half term, Mrs Cutts will begin her maternity leave. She has already been in touch with Miss Kitson who will be teaching class 11 after half term. Miss Kitson is keen to plan the second half of this term with Mrs Webb. This newsletter will, therefore, inform you of the events for this first half term only.

We start this half term with the excitement associated with the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Such excitement is likely to be infectious among the children so we will base our first two days back on the great event, looking at the royal family, previous royal weddings, the wedding route, national songs, royal wedding memorabilia, street parties and wedding hats. It should all help feed into a very festive additional holiday for the family on Friday.



During this half term we will be focusing on non-fiction writing in Literacy, particularly working on persuasive techniques and using role play to access the unfairness of the coffee growing process, the different points of view about curfews and the persuasive nature of the election process.

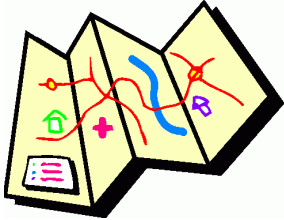
In Mathematics we will be building on the skills taught in the last two terms. These include using and manipulating numbers, such as adding, subtracting, doubling and halving decimals, studying patterns in number and shape, working with calculators, word problems and expressing the probability of events. In shape and space the children will study lines of symmetry, how to translate and rotate shapes and how to plot coordinates in up to four quadrants. We will continue working on the whole school targets and ask that you continue helping your child learn his/her times tables.

This term's P.E activities are outdoor games, athletics, gymnastics and swimming. Swimming will commence after half term, so more information will follow. Our PE will also take us further afield when the children will participate in an inter-schools Olympic games event at Impington Village College later this half term.



If for some reason your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please provide a note; without a letter we will assume your child is healthy enough to participate.

Our science topic this half term is 'Keeping Healthy'. We will look at what it means to have a healthy lifestyle, including the need for exercise, healthy foods and sufficient sleep. We will also be looking at the impact on the body of leading a healthy lifestyle.



In Geography, the children will be revising their map skills during this half term before embarking on their next topic, 'An environmental issue'. Exciting things are in the pipeline for this topic that will commence around the half term holiday. Watch out here for an update from Mrs Howes and Mrs Keller (who will be teaching year 5's Geography) in our next newsletter.

Monsieur Hicks continues teaching the children French on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday's work is based around oral communication and includes role play and singing, increasing pupil's vocabulary. Thursday's lessons are based around writing and increase the children's understanding of grammar.

In RE lessons this half term, the children will develop their responses to the natural world, including religious responses to recent world events, such as the earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand.

In I.C.T. the pupils will use 'Logit', a piece of equipment that collects data and allows children to manipulate the way in which it is presented. They will see line graphs drawn before their very eyes as they collect data and will further their skills in interpreting the data they have collected.

Because of the increasing temperatures this term, and to reduce dehydration, please ensure your child has a clearly labeled plastic bottle of water in school, preferably with a sports cap to prevent spillages. This will be used inside and outside the classroom and is preferable to using the water fountain during lesson time. Your child will also benefit from a sun hat and an application of sunscreen before school.



We value the communication between home and school greatly and we hope you have felt that you have been able to come in and speak with us whenever you have felt it necessary. Please continue to do this - the end of the school day works well for us, as we are less involved in setting up activities for the pupils than in the mornings.

Thank you once again for your continued help and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cutts and Mrs Webb