

Marchwood Junior School

Lower School Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and you are looking forward to the summer months ahead. I have not had the opportunity to meet you all but I wanted to pass onto you that your children have been wonderful at helping me settle into Marchwood Junior. It is always a bit nerve-racking starting a new job, but your children have given me lots of smiles and made me feel very welcome.

This newsletter will outline the key events and dates for this term as well as give you information about the curriculum activities coming up soon.

CURRICULUM

Many of your children get very excited about the topics they are covering and may want to visit the library or do extra research on the internet in order to further their learning.

Science

The topic is called 'Outside' and will involve studying mini-beasts and plant life.

ICT

Control Technology – this involves giving commands to the computer in order to create shapes.

R.E.

Creation – Children will have the opportunity to read and act out creation stories from a range of cultures and begin to identify themes and similarities.

Sacred Texts – the children will be studying the importance of the holy books in both the Christian and Sikh religions.

History

The Victorians – life, houses, toys, schools and Queen Victoria. This will be enriched with a theme day in school, which will give the children the opportunity to dress up in Victorian clothing.

DT

Designing and sewing a felt purse. If you have any spare buttons, lace or ribbon at home we would really appreciate your donations. We will also be needing some adult help with this activity so if you enjoy sewing, we would love to have you in the classroom. I will send another letter home later this term with exact dates and times.

Art

The children will be looking at the influence of nature on Victorian jewellery designs. They will then have the opportunity to sketch their own designs and finally make a 3D model.

PSHE

Keeping Healthy - The children will be learning about developing a healthy lifestyle through exercise as well as furthering their understanding of handling food safely to prevent spread of bacteria.

Music

Year 3 and 4: Victorians and the Music Hall – developing and understanding of rhythm and pitch through traditional Victorian songs.

Year 4: Keyboards taught by Ingrid Dixon from Hampshire Music Service. ***Are there any parents willing and able to help in these lessons which take place on Wednesday afternoons – just for this term?*** If so, please contact me or leave a message with the school office.

P.E.

Indoor: Dance based on the theme of 'Machines' followed by a unit of athletics to develop throwing, running and jumping skills.

Outdoor: Net and wall games –tennis and volleyball practice.

QCA Test Week - Monday 12th May – Friday 16th May

All children in year 3 and 4 will be tested in Reading, Writing and Mathematics during this week. We do our very best to keep these tests low profile so the children do not get too anxious or worried. You can really help by making sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a breakfast high in carbohydrate during the week so that their brain can work at its best. Also, make sure that your child has a pencil case (with sharpened pencils) and a fresh water bottle each day to keep themselves hydrated during the test. Finally just give them lots of encouragement and smiles. If you or your child have any concerns about the tests please contact the class teacher.

Key Events and Dates

Mini Marathon: TBC

Victorian Day: Monday 9th June

Sports Day: Tuesday 24th June (a.m.)

Swimathon: Saturday 17th June (p.m.)

Year 3 Sleepover: Friday 20th June

Uniform

As we enter the summer term and hopefully get some lovely warm days your children may want to wear a summer uniform.

Girls: yellow checked dresses
grey skirt or pinafore,
white open necked shirt or blouse or white polo shirt
white, black or grey socks

Boys: grey shorts or trousers,
white open necked shirt or white polo shirt
white, black or grey socks

Sandals can be worn, but not high heeled or slingbacks. Children must wear socks, again for safety reasons. Please can I remind you that no jewellery is allowed except for a watch and one pair of small, stud earrings.

We very much appreciate your support with uniform as it ensures that all our pupils are dressed safely and smartly for school.

I am sure the weeks will pass very quickly, but I hope your child has an enjoyable and happy summer term. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Miss S. Boddington - Lower School Manager

