



Class New Zealand Termly Newsletter

Spring Term 2018



Class News

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas. Thank you once again for the lovely cards and presents. This term brings around a few changes to the adults working in class; Mrs Woods will now be teaching during my planning time on a Thursday afternoon and the wonderful Mrs Green will be our teaching assistant as Mrs Dickinson goes off to have a baby. Class New Zealand's learning focus over the next full term will be firmly rooted in Geography and Science. This exciting topic is based on Journeys and entitled, 'Could this be our greatest adventure yet?' Full details are available in the curriculum map attached. As always, if you feel you could enrich the learning of class New Zealand with your own knowledge or experiences, please let us know!

Physical Education

This term, PE will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday, however having the correct kit available in school throughout the week is essential. If your child is unable to take part in a PE activity, please send a note into school. Unless circumstances dictate, children will still be expected to change into their PE kit and participate as non-physical performer. This may include observing, assessing, providing feedback, officiating or using ICT to capture images within the lesson.

Year 6 SATs preparation

Over the next few months, a number of interventions will be put in place to help support our year six children in English and Maths and enable them to achieve the best possible outcomes as they end KS2 and prepare for secondary school. They will offer an opportunity for the children to be supported in areas that they find difficult in a smaller group setting. Further information will be sent out in due course.

Homework

There are currently no changes to the set-up of homework, although for year 6, homework will now include workbooks which are based around SATs style questioning; these will be sent out in the next few weeks. **Maths/English/Reading** handed out in a sequence weeks (given out Fridays, to be handed in on a Thursday). If children experience difficulties with homework tasks, please ensure they have informed me by Tuesday, so that a break time homework club can be put into place to help secure their understanding and address any misconceptions.

E-safety

Children at Ancaster Church of England Primary School are encouraged to use digital technology to support their learning in all aspects of the National Curriculum. Primary aged children have access to a wide range of online and digital experiences, so we place an emphasis on teaching the children how to protect themselves when engaged on the Internet. As children grow up they become more and more involved with the internet, on social media and online games. This means it is vitally important that both parents and teachers monitor online activities and educate our children on how to behave and stay safe online. Further information on this is available on the E-safety section of the school's website and this will be a firm focus of Class New Zealand's learning this term.

I hope you find this information useful. I will be available on the playground before and after school each day. Please do not hesitate to catch me if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,
Mr Swain