



Herne Bay Infant School

NEWSLETTER



DATE: 11th February 2016

Dates at a Glance

Monday 22 nd February	-	Term 4 Begins
Monday 22 nd February	-	Swimming (Ladybird Class)
Thursday 25 th February	-	Cathedral Trip (Yr 2) Butterfly & Dragonfly
Friday 26 th February	-	Cathedral Trip (Yr 2) Bee & Ladybird
Friday 26 th February	-	Build a Bear Trip (Octopus Class)
Monday 29 th February	-	Build a Bear Trip (Seahorse Class)
Tuesday 1 st March	-	Build a Bear Trip (Dolphin Class)
Wednesday 2 nd March	-	Build a Bear Trip (Starfish Class)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (Term 4) Starting Monday 22nd Feb – Friday 18th March

Monday	ICT Pads/Film
Tuesday	Miss Hits Girls Tennis/Art
Wednesday	Fitness Friends
Thursday	4 Square Games/Construction
Friday	Street Dance/ICT Computers

Whole School

We hope you have a lovely holiday break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school to begin Term 4 on **Monday, 22nd February 2016**.

Internet Safety Day: The children very much enjoyed Internet Safety Day on Tuesday, 9th February and gained knowledge of how to stay safe online.

Good bye

Announcement: We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Wass who has been with us for many years and we wish her every success in the future.



We also say 'au revoir' to Hayley Lawn in our school office, who leaves us today to go on maternity leave. Her replacement is Angela Mulroy who we all warmly welcome.

Parent Partnership Meetings and Open Afternoons: We would like to thank you all for such a wonderful turnout to our Open Afternoons and Parent Partnership Meetings. We would also like to thank all parents/carers that completed and returned the parent surveys. We will feedback to you as soon as we have the report back.



Thank You!

Art Challenge: Our art challenge for this holiday has a love theme you will find details in your child's book bag today!

Holiday Reading/Writing Challenge: Please look out for our holiday Reading/Writing Challenge that you will also find in your child's book bag today!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Weekly Attendance for the classes for the week ending the 5th February 2016 is shown below.

Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
Seahorse	93.9%	Monkey	95.9%	Bee	95.9%
Starfish	94.9%	Parrot	91.9%	Dragonfly	96.8%
Dolphin	93.7%	Tiger	94.4%	Butterfly	95.0%
Octopus	96.8%	Zebra	92.1%	Ladybird	96.1%

Year R



Thank you for all your support this term. It's been incredibly busy with both our visits to the cinema and the bookshop. Thank you to everyone who was able to help us on our trips.

Next term we are looking forward to our trip to “**Build-a-Bear**” on the following dates:

Octopus Class	-	Friday 26th February
Seahorse Class	-	Monday 29th February
Dolphin Class	-	Tuesday 1st March
Starfish Class	-	Wednesday 2nd March



This week has been amazing with the children learning so much about Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday. They have all worked incredibly hard and deserve a break.

As a reward the children have all had a marble jar treat, where we turned our classrooms into cinemas and cafes.

Next term

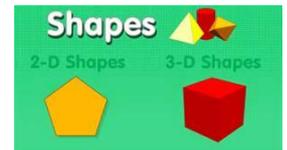
Connector: "If you go down to the woods today....." focusing on bears.

Literacy: In literacy we will begin our bear topic. We will use books as our focus and the children will be discussing and choosing their favourite bear themed stories. We will continue to write sentences, correctly implementing common words into our sentences. These common words are the words your child brings home in their bookbag, please continue to practice these with your child. It supports both their reading and their writing.

Maths: We will be revisiting 2d shapes and introducing 3d shapes and their properties.

Maths vocabulary: 3d, faces, edges.

Adventurous words: grizzly, ferocious, furry.



We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you next term. 😊

Year 1

The children have had a very interesting and productive term. They have learnt a lot about animals, they've found out facts, written their own non-fiction books, made up riddles and lots more.

When we return after half-term our new connector will be 'Out of this world'. The children will be learning all about the solar system, writing alien adventures and sending letters to NASA.



English: The children will be writing a recount of an Alien 'incident' that will be taking place in the school when they return. Last year a few children were worried by the arrival of the Alien. If you think your child may be worried – please explain it's not real, it's pretend, for fun!

Adventurous words to use: mysterious, unusual, spooky.

Maths: We will be learning how to weigh a variety of objects using the standard unit of measure (grams) to record and compare them.

Maths Vocab: Weight, Scales, Grams, Estimate.



Talking homework: Over the half term can you please discuss our solar system and the planets around us.

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Year 2

Maths: We will be learning that addition and subtraction are the inverse of each other. We will also be learning that multiplication and division are the inverse of each other. We will be solving calculations using these four operations and writing the opposite calculations to show the inverse.



eg. $45 + 24 = 69$ therefore $69 - 24 = 45$ or $69 - 45 = 24$

$4 \times 5 = 20$ therefore $20 \div 5 = 4$ or $20 \div 4 = 5$

Maths vocabulary: Inverse, operation, calculation, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division.

English: We will be exploring the different features of poems and responding to them through discussion eg. asking questions and identifying interesting language.

Interesting Vocabulary: Mysterious, gloomy, spectacular.

Talking homework: Canterbury Cathedral is a very old building. Talk to your child about other old buildings in our area.
eg. Reculver Towers, The Clock Tower, Whitstable Castle

Reminders

Our Canterbury Cathedral Trip is the first week back. Thank you for all the offers of help. If you have been given a direct response to your offer of help from the class teacher we look forward to meeting with you on Monday, 22nd February to give you details of the day.



First Monday back, 22nd February **Ladybird Class will be swimming.** Please make sure you send your child in with their swimming costume and towel.

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