

Term 3 & 4 Newsletter 2020

Class 5 Explorers

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*For learning that lasts
a lifetime.*



Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! May I thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts, it really was extremely kind of you and greatly appreciated, thank you so much.

Learning and Exploring

The children have made a very promising start to the New Year. They are building on their learning from last term; demonstrating their enthusiasm when exploring this term's new topics.

Literacy: We are reading A Bear called Paddington by Michael Bond this term. We are looking at how different writers create settings and characters by using imagery. We will be exploring how the use of describing emotions and detail bring excitement to the text and engage the reader.

Guided reading and comprehension groups will help the children develop their skills further. We will also have an opportunity to read to another year group in order to learn how to *engage* a child in a story.

Mathematics: We are looking at understanding the use of various division and multiplication facts. Children explain their methods so they understand the calculation fully. They are becoming much more skilled with their tables knowledge and are keen to show how they can complete their 'multiplication tables' in under a minute.

Science: We will be exploring Forces this term. We will investigate the different kinds of forces such as centrifugal forces and magnetic forces together with measuring the size of a force using force meters.

Home Learning will be all about exploring these ideas. We want to help children discover how exciting the world is when you think for yourself. Home learning usually has some hidden tasks for the children to discover. Children will always have from Friday to Wednesday to complete this, so please encourage them not to leave it to the last minute!



Resourcefulness. We will be focusing on Resourcefulness throughout this term as part of our school's values. We will also be learning to share our feelings and thoughts and manage our emotions.

Modern Foreign Languages: We will be developing our conversational French- learning about ordering food and drinks in a French café.

We will also be participating in our whole school Art Exhibition to be held at 'The Pines Calyx'. During this term we will be exploring the classic: 'A Bear called Paddington' by Michael Bond. We will take inspiration from Paddington and his adventures to create artwork and artistic designs for the exhibition. The children will explore how his iconic bear had a very recognisable style.

We are endeavoring to continue our 'morning run' However, when weather is unsuitable we have an alternative indoor aerobic video workout from Joe Wicks. PE is on Monday and Wednesday. We will be learning new gymnastic and hockey skills this term. As the weather is now rather wet and turning colder could the children bring named joggers and trainers on those days if possible. We can then go outside as often as possible.

Please continue to bring reading books and Reading Record Books in every day.

Thank you.