

Coly Class Spring Term 2011 Information

Welcome to Coly Class Spring Term newsletter. Below is included some new information about what is happening over the coming weeks and some previous information as a reminder.

This term we have working in our class Ms Gina Jenkin and Mr Stuart Gamlen, who are on their training placement from the University of Exeter.

Yr 6 - So the Yr 6 have additional support for their SATs in the Summer Term we will again be organising some sessions after half term where these children will have some separate time from the rest of the class for revision, and consolidation with Mrs Quick. More details about this will follow over the coming weeks.

Equipment - Please ensure children have all their writing equipment each day.

Water Bottles - If children bring their own bottles to school these need to be taken home each day and washed thoroughly. Water from a water cooler is available for the children during the day.

PE Kits - Please don't forget PE kits are needed on a Tuesday and Friday and requests for children to be excused from PE should only be for medical reasons and should always be put in writing by a parent or guardian.

Clothing - All clothing should be named. This reduces the amount of time sorting out lost property for both parents and teachers.

Medicines - Teachers will administer medicines but the correct 'Green Form' must be signed by a parent or guardian before this is done. Pupils are allowed to keep possession of their own inhalers but, again, the correct forms must be completed and teachers informed.

Homework - This term, as well as the usual homework there may be extra revision homework for Yr 6. Maths is given out on a Wednesday to be returned by the Friday and Literacy given out on Friday to be returned on the Monday. Science may sometimes be given on a Monday but this is not returned until the following Monday.

Reading - Children are expected to undertake private reading each day in class and at home.

Rewards - The children can earn a non-uniform day with gold cards. If they earn a non-uniform day we ask them to take it on the following Friday. The children also have a non-uniform day on their birthday.

Coly Class - Spring Term Overview (2011)

Humanities: This half term we are studying a History Topic on 'Britain since 1945'. We are in Particular, focusing on Social and Technological Changes over the decades e.g. homes, fashion, jobs, health, travel, machines etc. The topic will culminate in a visit to Tiverton Museum.

Next half term our topic will be 'Our World'. We will be looking at contrasting UK localities, exploring through maps, photographs and film, urban and rural life and physical features.

Science: This half term the children will be studying 'Earth in Space', including night and day, shadows, seasons, tides etc.

The next half term the children will be studying 'Plants' and various life cycles.

RE: This half term the children will be studying 'Beliefs in Action in the World' and later on in the term the children will be looking at symbols and religious expression, together with the Easter story.

ICT: This term the children will be analysing information, checking accuracy and questioning plausibility. We will look at various data bases; including data kept in schools, hospitals, banks etc. Later on they will be using programmes to model and control pieces of equipment.

Literacy: The children are starting with a unit of work based around writing well balanced arguments, they will then move onto Short Stories with Flashbacks, Classic Narrative Poetry and Formal and Impersonal Writing. In reading, the focus will be on comprehension and understanding a variety of texts including poetry.

Maths: Many areas of mathematical skills will be covered this term including symmetry, coordinates, weight, finding the mode, median and mean of a set of data, the use of Carroll and Venn diagrams. In number, the children will be looking at decimal fractions, division, negative numbers, as well as developing and furthering their understanding of calculating using all four operations. Pupils need to be confident in recalling their times tables to successfully access many of these activities; it would be helpful if you could practice tables with your children at home.

Art and Technology: Art work will focus on studying paintings of modern well known artists and creating compositions using similar styles and media. After half term the focus will be on designing and making, using different materials to make a musical instrument.

PE and Music: Tag Rugby followed by Hockey. Music will be on creating sounds with different pitch, volume and tone.