

Buzzards class newsletter Term 5

April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing Easter Break. We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in Term 5 of Buzzards Class.



Enquiry

During Term 5, Buzzards will be investigating the 'Big Question', 'How do plants die?'. Throughout the term, children will identify and name parts of a plant and how they can be revived if beginning to die. Children will conduct 2 experiments looking at plant growth and how to keep them healthy. This enquiry is also an opportunity for children to be Artists. They will be creating botanical drawing using fine pencil work and charcoal to create shading. Also, children will be Geographers where they will be identifying the tropics and biome areas around the world where plants grow in greater amounts.

PE Kit

Buzzards class will continue to have PE on Tuesdays (First Sports) and Thursdays each week. You will need to send your child to school in their PE kit on these days. This includes a red or white t-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit trousers, and trainers. Please also make sure your child has a water bottle. Our curriculum this term focuses on two sports; Cricket and Athletics. I will be teaching Cricket, while First Sports will be teaching Athletics.

Homework

In addition to reading, children are expected to do the learning conversations homework which is sent home once a week. This goes home in their red homework book and must be returned on a Monday. The children also have 5 spellings to practise, which are taken from the year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list. Please spend at least 5 – 10 minutes writing out and practising these spellings at least 3 times every week. Spelling tests will continue to happen on a Monday when homework books are returned to the classroom. Homework is given back to children on Tuesday.

Year 4 Multiplication tables check

Year 4 will have their statutory times table test in June 2023. In school we have already begun the process of interventions and ensuring all children are practising during the school week. Please continue to encourage your child at home to practise times tables using the online resources available (topmarks, ttrackstars). Children will be taking part in a 'Try it out' to become familiar with the process of the test.

Trip to Hindu Place of Worship

On Wednesday 22nd May, Buzzards will be attending a trip to the Bristol Hindu Temple. This will be a great opportunity for them to further their understanding of the religion. It is a reminder that children have a code of conduct to follow for this trip to do with dress code and behaviour. Please do read the letter sent out by myself so it is clear.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr Taverner