



Faith Class Newsletter: Term 1

7th September 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and that your children are looking forward to the exciting term ahead of them. I look forward to meeting you all, if I have not done so already.

As always we have lots of interesting learning planned as well as settling in to class and getting to know each other. During this first term back at school, Faith Class will be exploring some of the good, the bad and the brilliant aspects of life during the Victorian era. The class will discover what life was like for children, and find out about some of the social, cultural and technological developments during this influential period of British history. The topic will inform how we approach other areas of the curriculum

In science and technology, the children will be learning about electricity, electrical safety and experimenting with electrical circuits while working towards designing and creating a simple burglar alarm.

Our history and science topics will inform how we creatively approach other areas of the curriculum. For example, as part of their English learning, the children will be writing instructions, fact files and biographies using Victorian Britain and electricity for context. The class will explore the work of William Morris in art and design and take inspiration from this in order to produce printed wallpaper designs.

To support their learning, the children will be carrying out internet research and in computing lessons there will be a focus on deepening their understanding and awareness of the internet and how they use it.

Our maths learning will begin by developing the correct use of mathematical language and consolidating understanding of number and place value. Over the term, the children will learn a variety of strategies for mental calculation and focus on using these practically with units of measurement, as well learning about properties of shape.

There will be two PE lessons every week, one of which will be delivered by Roaring Rugby each Tuesday, the other by Mrs Kelsey each Thursday. Please remember that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, black or blue shorts/skort) are required to be in school at all times.

In RE, the children will learn about Buddhism and Buddha's teachings, asking if it is possible for everyone to be happy.

Weekly home learning and spellings will be set each Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will be each Wednesday. In addition to weekly home learning tasks, children are encouraged to complete two termly home learning activities (please see home learning planner).

As always, if you have a particular interest in any of our topics and would like to come in and share resources or experiences with the children, it would be very much appreciated.

Best wishes

Miss Moseley