



Trinity Class Newsletter Term 2



Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and that your children are ready for another busy term in the lead up to Christmas. This term's topic is 'Russia Revealed' and is mainly geography-based so in addition to a general exploration of the largest country in the world, the children will be using Russia to develop their physical and human geography skills and knowledge. Many of our other lessons will link to our topic. For example, in our fiction writing, we will be looking at secret agent adventure stories incorporating Russian settings and characters and linked to this, in PE, we will be creating James Bond-style action scenes through dance.



We will be following the National Curriculum for Maths and our main focus this term will be fractions – simplifying, finding equivalent fractions, ordering and carrying out the four operations and then applying these skills to reasoning and problem-solving questions. We will also be following the year 6 targets for shape through practical activities, problems and puzzles. We will have a big focus on mental maths this term and will continue with our weekly times tables challenge as well as setting a number of other speed challenges.



In English, in addition to our fiction work, we will be looking at the language and techniques used in persuasive writing and creating visitor leaflets for a place of interest such as PGL. We will also be exploring the history of the Russian Revolution through drama. There will be many other opportunities to explore different genres of writing through our foundation subjects – particularly Geography and Science. Our reading sessions will focus on some of the key comprehension skills of retrieving information, inference, predicting and summarising using a number of topic-related and curriculum texts.

In Science, we will continue with our "Electricity and Light" topic, beginning by investigating colour. We will complete our unit on light by learning about shadows before turning our attention back to 'electricity'. We hope to use our knowledge of electrical circuits to create a flashing Christmas stocking, which we will be designing and making in our Design and Technology sessions. In R.E. this term, our key concept is 'Incarnation' and our enquiry question is: "Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? In PSHE, we will be considering how to resolve conflict and how to stay safe on-line and when faced with risky situations.

In P.E. , in addition to dance, the children will be improving their netball skills. In French, we will continue using food and drink vocabulary to practise asking and answering questions and later in the term we will set up a 'French only' café so that the children can test out their skills. Throughout the term, we will introduce the class to some basic Russian conversational language and the Cyrillic alphabet.

If you have a particular interest in any of our topics or subjects and would like to come in and share resources or experiences with the children, it would be very much appreciated. Below is a quick reminder of what the children need to remember for specific days of the week. **The correct PE kit should be kept in school all week** (and preferably all term). We do try to get outside as much as possible for PE so the children should have both indoor and outdoor kit in school.

Monday	
Tuesday	P.E. kits
Wednesday	Home Learning due in. Spellings tested and set.
Thursday	P.E. kits
Friday	Planners to be handed in, signed by a parent. Home Learning set. Times tables tested and set.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write a note in your child's planner, or see one of us before or after school.

Many thanks,

Mrs McSloy and Mrs Bible