

Scafell Summer Newsletter 2018

Dear All,

Welcome to the summer term! Like every term, there is lots to look forward to including: sporting events, tea club for our Year 5 children, exciting new topics to learn about and our Scafell residential.

Our curriculum this term involves:

Maths: This term we continue to develop skills to solve all calculations and multi-step problems in a range of contexts and using all four rules of numbers: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be revising our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and measurement. Additionally, we will continue to practise our times table efficiency and will be extending skills into other areas of the curriculum. Both year groups will be deepening their understanding across the programmes of study in order to ensure that they are ready for their transition to Y6 or KS3.

English: Much of our non-fiction writing this term will be linked to our topics and our learning experiences. We will also be using illustrations, books and short films to inspire creative narrative, mythology and poetry. Our spellings will continue to focus on the rules and patterns in the Year 5&6 wordlist and, each week, we will continue to enjoy guided reading lessons that develop reading and comprehension skills. This term, there is a focus on the 'pleasure of reading' and the school will be working hard to encourage children to read a wider range of texts. Our learning will also include developing greater understanding of sentence grammar, word class and punctuation.

Science: Living Things and Evolution & Inheritance: These are interesting and exciting topics which involve investigating life processes and reproduction of living things, as well as researching how evolution occurs and how scientists have discovered this process (Darwin's theory). We will also identify the different parts and functions of flowers and plants, as well as developing an understanding of how humans have evolved to support life processes. Additionally, we will be exploring the idea of inheritance and changes in the human lifecycle.

Topic: This term we will be continuing our geographical topic which involves developing our understanding of Mountains and Rivers including the water cycle. We will be studying the physical geography of mountains and mountain ranges, their formation, some famous expeditions and also mountain biodiversity. We will then move on to understanding and explaining climate zones and biomes. We will learn through a variety of ways including drama, art and practical tasks.

PE: Taught by Mrs Craggs: Athletics including Orienteering, Striking and Fielding / Over the Net: Rounders.

Computing: Developing the skills to retrieve and publish information (including blogging on our school website) and input data. Additionally, we will continue learning about our rights and responsibilities when using social media and mobile phones, as well as cyberbullying and how we deal with it.

Music: Singing and Performing.

RE: Understanding *Compassion*. We will also be exploring Christian and non-Christian Sacred Books.

ART: Art in nature and our local environment: Julian Cooper, Monet.

DT: We will be designing a home for a pet and creating animal sculptures using various materials.

PSHE: SEAL Changes and Relationships

FOREST SCHOOLS: Team challenges and games, problem solving and outdoor creations.

SATS Week Monday 14th May:

During this week, Breakfast Club will take place from 8am Monday - Thursday for our year 6 pupils. Year 5 should arrive at school as normal each morning. Registration and a short morning task will take place as usual. Year 6 will be undertaking tests each morning (with the exception of Friday) in Scafell classroom. Year 5 will be working alongside other classes each morning continuing their learning planned and resourced by Miss Dawson. The afternoon sessions are not affected. Further information about the organisation of SATS week will follow soon for our year 6 parents.

Lockerbie Residential:

You will have received notification of a meeting next week for parents and children regarding our residential visit at 5.30pm by staff from Lockerbie Manor. We would also like to inform you that full payment (£210) is now due and should be finalized by the end of halfterm; Friday 25th May so that we are able to make our school payment to the centre before the end of May. If you are unsure how much you owe please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Coker.

Preparation is key:

Although we do have supplies in school, we try to encourage all children to have their own pencil case in class containing essential items like pencils, writing pens, pencil crayons, rubbers and a sharpener. All the children require their own 180° protractor for year 6 and in preparation for KS3. Please can you also encourage your child to have a water bottle in school to use during lesson time as well as at break. As the weather becomes warmer sunscreen and hats may also be necessary.

Homework:

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays, although during this term, some longer independent projects will be set to last longer. We will continue to use MyMaths regularly and have spellings every week to learn. Homework tasks will continue to be written in diaries. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and record their reading in reading records so that we can track their reading and monitor their choices.

Uniform

Please may I remind parents and children that the wearing of jewellery, make-up and nail polish is not permitted on school days. Stud earrings are allowed to be worn but must be removed for all physical activities. Long hair should be tied up for PE lessons. All children should wear sensible school shoes, a coat and their PE kit in school every day.

Website:

The blog on our website is a fantastic way to see all of the exciting events and learning happening in school. Children from Scafell often blog their own experiences alongside a selection of photographs and love to hear that their blogs are being read. Please keep in touch by taking some time to have a look. Also, new dates are regularly added to the website calendar. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to meet with me. I am always willing to listen, answer your queries and share any information you may require. We look forward to a fantastic summer term at Levens!

With my best wishes,
Miss Dawson.