

Ramsey Newsletter – Spring II

I hope you had a lovely holiday. This term is a very busy one, with our trip to Boston Guildhall and the Big Sing (if you have not yet given permission for these events, please do so via MCAS as soon as possible, please)

Our history topic this term is continuing with the Pilgrim Fathers. We will be looking at the lives of William Bradford, who was jailed in the Guildhall, and Squanto, the Native American who helped the immigrants settle into their new colony in Massachusetts. In science, we are still investigating forces and we will be looking at how levers, pulleys and gears work. We will be evaluating our burglar alarms in D&T and in RE, we will be discussing whether technology is a good or a bad thing when it comes to sharing religious worldviews. Finally, in PSHE, we will be learning about e-safety.

The Big Sing concert will take place on Thursday 26th March at St Botolph's Church. It would be great to see you all there to help celebrate all the work the children have put in to learn the songs. Please let me know if you need any seats for the concert as soon as possible, please.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Fridays** and will be due in the following **Wednesday**. It will compose of one piece of English (usually a grammar focus) and one piece of maths. It is expected that each piece should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. If you don't understand the homework or are finding it difficult, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can help. If homework is not handed in on time, it will need to be completed during a lunchtime. Dojos will be taken off for anyone who does not give in their homework without a valid excuse.

In addition, there will be weekly spellings, which will be tested on **Fridays**. Spellings will need to be learned throughout the week so that they are retained. We recommend the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' method at least 3 (but preferably 5) times each week. You also need to know the meaning of the words you are learning so that you can then use them in your writing.

Reading

Reading has improved recently and I hope this will continue but the children still need to be reading at least 15 pages each time and a minimum of 50 pages **of their AR book** each week. If they want to read another book, this is fine but it must be towards the top end of their reading band (they should have this written in their reading diaries and you can check which band each book is in on the AR site).

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** (outdoors). You will need a full PE kit, consisting of white t-shirt, black/navy shorts and trainers (these are better for outdoor PE). Please note, earrings cannot be worn for any PE. If you struggle to remove your earrings by yourself, you will need to take them out in the morning and then put them back in again when you get home. It is fine for anyone who has had their ears pierced for more than 6 weeks to remove the earrings for short periods without the hole closing. Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE lessons so please bring hair ties or similar with you

Kind regards,

Miss Ratcliff,
Mrs Dunbavand,
Mrs Parnell