

# Sunningwell Primary School



## Newsletter – May 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and I hope you all had a very pleasant Easter and enjoyed the lovely warm weather. This is a very short term, however, and the children have a very busy few weeks.

### **Warmer Weather**

We are hoping that we will enjoy some sunshine this term, so can you please ensure your child has a sun hat and water in school. Please also apply sunscreen every day before they come to school.

### **Playground Supervision - Before and After School**

We frequently see children playing on the field and on the play equipment before and after school. Please do not allow your children to play on either the field or equipment. This is the policy of the County Council who own the land and this applies to all schools in Oxfordshire County Council.

### **My Activity Passport**

You may have seen in the news about an activity passport for children with lots of fun activities for children to do (away from electronic devices, Xbox, Play Station etc)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/my-activity-passport>

### **A big thank you**

We have had a number of parents (and grandparents) who have given their time, arranged donations of goods from their employers and local companies. Thank you for this and also all those who have transported children to and from events and helped with the Spinney Dig. We know how busy you all are and we really do appreciate your support. Thank you also for parents who have made cakes and brought in chocolate for the staff to share in the staff room.

### **Payments**

Thank you for paying so promptly for clubs, lunches and trips. All payments can be made via ParentMail or alternatively cheque. Like many schools we try to be 'cashless' due to the cost of administering cash payments and security. Payment by ParentMail or cheque allows you to evidence that payments have been made.

### **Nut Allergy**

We have two children with nut allergies in school. Please try to avoid any nut butters or any products containing nuts. We sometimes see in packed lunches that children have products containing Nutella, for the children with a nut allergy, touching a trace of these products can be life threatening.

## News from the Classes

### Class 1

Our topic for the summer term is "Around the world in twelve stories". We will read stories from different parts of the world, learn about their customs, traditions, music and expressive arts. The children will look at similarities and differences between different cultures and hopefully this will trigger their curiosity to find out more about the amazing places on Earth.

As we wish to emphasise the importance of reading and storytelling from early years, we've started having a 'mystery reader' once a week who visits our class and reads a story to the children. So far, we have had students from other classes, a local resident, somebody's grandmother and a policeman. The element of surprise makes the whole story telling experience extremely exciting. We welcome everyone to get involved, so please get in touch with the school office if you have a favourite story to share and ten minutes to spare.

We love to hear about your child's learning experiences outside school and welcome your comments. Please take a few moments and fill out some 'wow moments' templates.

Please try to read with your child on a daily basis and send the book bag to school each day.

Thank you for all your support!

### Class 2

Welcome back. We hope you had a relaxing Easter break. We have a very busy term ahead of us.

Our topic for this term is based on the piece of music The Carnival of the Animals by the French composer Saint-Saëns. Within this topic we shall be learning about the instruments in the orchestra. We shall be linking this to our science topic of living things, where we shall be looking at different types of animals and food chains.

Our new book in literacy this term is The Storm Whale. We will be doing some diary writing and composing some of our own poetry.

In maths we will initially be revising place value. This term we will also be learning about statistics and position and direction.

Please remember to continue to read and talk about books at home and record this all in your reading journals.

### Class 3

We are all feeling very well rested in Class 3 and we are looking forward to a term full of new topics!

Our topic for the term is 'The History of British Clothing', in which we will look at how styles have changed since 1066.

The Easter holiday homework which I have seen so far is very impressive, thank you for your support in this!

The book we are reading in literacy is called 'Tom's Sausage Lion' by Michael Morpurgo and will provide plenty of opportunities to explore significant themes of bullying, trust, friendship and self-belief through role-play, debate, poetry composition and diary, letter, persuasive and news report writing.

Our new maths topic is money. We will be spending lots of time putting the maths into real life context, but also giving children plenty of experience with handling money at home would be much appreciated.

#### Class 4

After a relaxing and sunny Easter Holidays we have come back ready to start our new learning.

In Literacy, we have started our class text 'The Adventures of Odysseus'. Some of us already have some knowledge and interest in Greek Mythology and can't wait to explore this book. In the first week we have already made predictions, given opinions and researched a Greek God or Goddess to create an information poster on.

In Maths, we are continuing to explore the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and are also moving on to converting measurements.

In Big Maths we have some fun, interesting and challenging problems to solve that will take resilience, determination and teamwork. Our new Topic is looking at Sir David Attenborough and his extreme creatures. We hope the weather is kind to us as we intend to use our outside spaces to support our learning. There's still plenty of sport going on at Sunningwell and lots of the class are getting opportunities to represent the school in competitions and fixtures.

Class 4 are very excited about our residential trip to Youlbury at the end of May. We will be choosing teams for the activities and who we would like to share a room with. We can't wait!

Also Year 6 children have been busy preparing for their SATs in a couple of weeks. They have worked so hard and are really proud of the work they are achieving in preparation.

Keep it up Year 6!

Yours

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