

Torrige Parents Newsletter – Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a good Christmas holiday and that your children are looking forward to working hard this term.

For the first half of the term we have **forest school** on Monday afternoons. Please make sure children have warm waterproof clothing in school and welly boots. Tuesday afternoon, **Achieve4All** will be teaching PE and running their active club after school. (You need to register online to book a place in this club.) For the second part of the afternoon, Mr Parsons will be teaching **history** and the children will study the Pre-Colonial Benin Empire from 900- 1300 AD. During the second half of term Mr Parsons will teach RE and ICT on a Monday afternoon.

This term, in **geography**, we will study the lines of longitude and latitude around the earth and we will recognize some different climate zones. We will be able to identify similar weather patterns and bio zones that are dependent on climate.

Children will learn how to keep themselves safe in different situation in our **PHSE** lessons and they will continue this in **ICT**. In ICT, we will learn how to keep ourselves safe when connected to the world-wide-web as well as learning how to use spreadsheets to organize and present data in a meaningful way.

MFL will see us developing our vocabulary by learning our colours in Italian and the days of the week and the names of animals.

Our **science** topic will be to identify the different states of matter, and how materials can change from one state to another. Year 5&6 will appreciate how some of these changes are reversible while others are irreversible. We will investigate how some solids dissolve in water and can then be retrieved again, and how we can increase rates of evaporation. We will extend our study of materials into our **DT** sessions where we will design and create pots from clay. I also hope to book a session for the Digital FabLab in Barnstaple library, where children use computers to present their designs on materials to make small items like key fobs. More details about this will follow later.

During **RE** this half term we will consider how Christians believe God is holy and loving and during the second half of term we will continue our study of Hinduism.

Miss Collins will continue to teach **music** on Wednesday mornings and this term will have an African theme to her music. Mrs Phillips will teach **art** on Friday afternoon during the second half of term.

During maths lessons this term, we will be developing our understanding of fractions. Year 5&6 will learn to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. Year 3&4 will learn to find fractions of amounts also learn to multiply and divide using written methods to support their calculations.

In literacy we will focus on varying our sentence structure and adding interest with choice of words and phrases. We will have a big push on applying the punctuation we have learnt and on presenting our finished work with neat and joined handwriting. We will develop our ability to proof read and edit for improvement in our work.

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday and expected to be completed by the following Thursday. Year 6 will have homework to help them prepare for SATs tests and the amount of work set will start to increase this term to help them prepare for secondary school demands.

There will be a parents' evening at the end of the term, however, if you have any concerns about your child's time in school please make an appointment with me when mutually convenient.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Evans

	8.50-9.00 10min	9.00-9.25 25 min	9.25-10.15 50 min	20 min	20 min	10.55-12.10 70 min		13.30 – 13.55 25 min	13.55 -14.40 45 min	14.40 – 15.25
Mon	Register/ Tables challenge <i>Silent reading</i>	Group Spelling	Literacy	Assembly 10.15 – 10.35	Break 10.35 – 10.55	Maths	Lunch	<i>Silent reading</i>	Forest School for ½ term RE with Mr Parsons for ½ term	
Tues	Register/ Tables challenge <i>Silent reading</i>	Group Reading	Literacy			Maths		PE 60 min with A4A for ½ term Mrs Evans 75min	History With Mr Parsons For ½ term MFL 45min	
Wed	Register <i>Silent reading</i>	Arithmetic	Music with Miss Collins	OTB Assembly		Literacy With Mrs Phillips		Geography ½ termDT ½ term	ICT 60 min ½ term DT ½ term	
Thurs	Register/ Tables challenge	Group Spelling	Literacy	Assembly 10.15 – 10.35		Maths		Science	PHSE 4 weeks then well-being	
Fri	Register/ Tables challenge <i>Silent reading</i>	Handwriting	Literacy			Maths		<i>Silent reading</i>	MFL	RE