

Pumpkin Class Summer Term

We hope you will have a lovely and relaxing break. We have an exciting term ahead of us. This newsletter should hopefully cover any questions you may have. However, if you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school or see either Miss Purshouse or any members of the Pumpkin class team, we are always happy to help.

Our learning this term



This term we will be learning about the Roman culture, its society, its development and its invasion of Britain. In geography we will learn about Italy, the home country of the Romans, we will be comparing this wonderful European country to the UK. In addition to this we will learn about Pompeii, volcanoes and how communities recover from eruptions.



In art we will be looking at sculpture and our DT project is designing purses/wallets. In science we will continue focus on animals including Humans, looking at skeletons - the different types and their functions. We will also learn about healthy eating and the nutrients required by different animals.



Please look at our Medium Term Plan to find out more about the ambitious curriculum planned for this term. At Stanford, we take great pleasure in showcasing our learning on our class blogs and Facebook page. Remember to check our class blog and see the wonderful learning that is taking place.

Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

Weekly Essentials:

Reading: Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week, which should be recorded in the reading record books. The children will also need to complete a written reading response from the list of ideas provided.

Maths Challenges: Complete the maths challenge provided each week.

Spelling challenge: Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

Flashback 4: This will be in the form of 4 retrieval questions. This will be a quick task to complete and help children to remember what they have been learning across the curriculum.

Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose at least 6 activities over the whole of the summer term ending in July.

General Reminders

- **PE:** This will be on a Tuesday. We try to do as many lessons outside as possible so it is important that the children have both inside and outside PE kits including suitable footwear and warm clothing. Please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back and earrings are removed.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.
- **Coats:** Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and may be taken home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle. Please ensure that these bottles contain water and not juice as they can ruin books if accidentally spilt.
- **Rucksacks:** Storage within the classroom is limited. Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their book bag if they need to hand in homework or change their reading books.

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Look out for...

Friday 18th April - Hook Event - costumes optional. Roman soldiers, citizens & Gods/Goddesses
(Now is your chance to get your money's worth from the togas we had for the Egyptians!!)

Please look below for costume ideas - an adult sized T-shirt can make a perfect toga.

Monday 22nd April- NELC Litter pick

Trips - Please remember to book a packed lunch for this day.

Thursday 6th June- Trip to 'The Collection' - The children will have the opportunity to learn about archaeology, the Roman army and look at the fabulous artefacts on display found in Lindum Colonia (Lincoln).

Wednesday 12th June- Learning share

Wednesday 26th June- KS2 singing Festival at the Grimsby Auditorium including an afternoon performance (tickets will be available from the Auditorium)

Thursday 27th June AM- KS2 Sports Day

Thank you for all your support,
Miss Purshouse, Mrs Hulme and Mrs Hopkins

Here are some simple ideas for costumes. I hope this helps.

