

# Barley Class Newsletter Spring Term

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas holiday and spent time with your families- creating some wonderful memories! We have some fantastic learning opportunities this term that we look forward to sharing with you!

## Learning this term

Our topic this term is '**Medicine and Disease through History**' where we have decided that we would like to find out the answers to the following questions:

*Can I study how medicine and disease have impacted on human history?*

- Prehistoric and Ancient Egyptian civilisations
- Ancient Greeks and Romans
- The Black Plague
- The Tudor era
- Victorian Britain
- 20th and 21st Century

*Can I learn about medical practices through history?*

*Can I discover the Roman attitude towards medicine?*

*Can I investigate Medieval medicine and events during the Black Plague?*

In **Geography** we will discover some of the many ways in which the world around them is changing. From coastal erosion to political changes, there are many factors at work. We will learn about the structure of the United Kingdom and how its shape and geography have changed over thousands of years. In **Art** we will be studying painting and mixed media, focusing on different artists: Lubaina Himid, Paula Rego, David Hockney.

Evolution and inheritance is our focus in **Science**, including animals including humans. Our class book this half term will be by the authors **Anthony Horowitz & JRR Tolkien**. We will be reading *Diamond Brothers* by Anthony Horowitz. **Please look at our Medium Term Plan to find out more about the exciting learning planned for this term.**



Our Hook Day for this topic will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. Children can dress up on this Hook Day e.g. medical personnel or a victim of disease- if they wish. Our focus will be on Writing and The Arts.

## Look out for...

Martin Luther King Day- January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Energy Saving Week- January 19<sup>th</sup>  
SATs Parent Workshop: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm  
Children's Mental health Week- February 9<sup>th</sup>  
Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Holi Festival- March 4<sup>th</sup>  
World Book Day: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
International Women's Day- March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
Science Week- March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wellness Retreat activities: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm (Inside our Tipi)  
Comic Relief- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Easter Events.



Keep checking class blogs and Facebook for regular updates to our learning journey!

## General Reminders

- **PE:** Our main PE lessons will be on 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. We would suggest you leave their kit at school so it is always available.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.

**Home Learning:** Please see the Home Learning book for this term's home learning tasks. Home learning activities are available on TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. There is also a comprehensive list of revision websites for children to access on the class page of the school website. Please continue to record home reading in the home reading log books. The expectation is that children will record 3 reads each week, which will contribute towards a reward at the end of the half-term.

*Mrs Smith and Year 6 Team!*