



January 2019

Koala Class

Koala class has a mix of children from years 5 and 6 and is taught by Mrs. Knight with support from our Teaching Assistant Mrs. Moffatt.

English We are beginning the new term revisiting narrative story writing. We will then move on with other genres of writing which inform the reader. Lesson time is put aside each week to teach spelling and grammar which are important elements of the year 5/6 curriculum. Each child is given a new set of spellings on Fridays to learn for a dictation test the following Friday.

Maths Children from Koala class are split for maths lessons to ensure they are taught at an appropriate level and all gaps in learning are addressed. They either go to one of the other year 5/6 classes or to Miss Lowe. If you would like to find out what your child is learning at any point in the year, all the teaching blocks are on the school website.

PE We have two sessions of PE during the week. On Monday we will go outside (weather permitting) and Tuesday will be an indoor lesson. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit in school all week as they may need to change into their trainers for outdoor learning sessions or to play on the field at lunchtime. This prevents mud from being brought into school. Children will have a sticker in their diaries as a reminder if they forget their kit.

Reading Group reading comprehension sessions take place during the week and each child will work with an adult at least once a week. We will be finishing our Victorian themed book and then moving on to

read 'Wonder' which I feel has some important message for children of this age.

Accelerated Reading Our reading scheme is now up and running and proving very useful with guiding and assessing the children's reading and comprehension. Don't forget you can access the system at home and see how your child is doing. Although we are dedicating time in school each day for silent reading, we would still like your child to read at home at least five times a week and hand in their communication diary, signed by you.

Topic Our current topic is the Ancient Egyptians and the children will be looking at historical and geographical elements of this subject. The impact the railways had on society and at Victorian houses. Once again art and DT will be linked to the theme with children making papyrus and designing and making shafts.

Science Our topics this term are light and properties of materials. These are both areas the children will have looked at in previous years but will now learn about in more depth.

Homework – will continue to be set each week on Mondays. It is then due back on the following Monday. Children who are unable to complete and hand their homework in on time will attend homework club on Tuesday lunchtimes to complete this work. As well as spellings, times tables and reading, homework consists of a piece of written work or research which relates to the learning taking place in school. Thank you for ensuring your child completes their homework each week.

Communication

Your child's diary is a quick and easy way to communicate with us, if you wish. We are always available at the end of school if there are any concerns you have about your child or you can ring the school office to make an appointment. Our door is always open!