

Summer Term in Koala Class

We have begun an exciting term in Koala Class. Our topic is The Wild West. We will be finding out about the Native Americans and the first settlers as well making totem poles. We will be using this topic as a stimulus for our writing as well.

In numeracy we will be developing our learning of calculations, fractions, decimals and percentages and shape and measure. We will be using some of these skills in science as we explore living things and their habitats.

Thank you for your on-going support with helping your child learn and understand their weekly spellings which are a mixture of word patterns, tricky words and age-appropriate words from the national curriculum. Daily home reading continues throughout this term - do talk to your child about their book and share any interesting reading you have done yourself. Even though we read daily in school, I would ask that you please sign your child's reading diary every day so that we know they have read for at least ten minutes at home as well.

Year 5's will have the opportunity to stand for Family Captain and will need to prepare a speech to say in front of the school. They will also be able to take part in a 'Bikeability' course. Please use the checklist that has been sent out to ensure that your child's bike is suitable for this activity and that they have a helmet. Year 6's have their trip to Eaton Vale after SATs and we shall all be taking part in a production at the end of term.

PE days are still Monday and Tuesday and hopefully all sessions will be outside, weather permitting. There are still a few children not bringing in a complete PE kit, particularly trainers or plimsolls. **Please ensure your child has a full, correct and labelled PE kit.** Bearing in mind that Summer is on its way, it may be appropriate to give your child the opportunity to apply deodorant before coming to school and please also make sure your child brings a refillable water bottle in every day. Please note that children may wear a coloured T-shirt which relates to their family group for PE and sports day.

Homework will still be sent out weekly and needs to be returned to school by the following Monday.

The Year 5s will be learning about puberty and Year 6s about reproduction this term. Miss Esom will be running a session for parents, so that you know what we will be discussing and what materials we will be using. More details to follow.

Finally, if you have any worries or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Best regards,

Mrs Knight