

Kelso Newsletter

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely break. Mrs Malcom has now joined us while Miss Rogers is on maternity leave after the birth of her beautiful daughter. The Spring term may be a little shorter but it is still packed with events and exciting opportunities! To link to our science topic of Earth and Space, we have a planetarium dome experience and a workshop for all children in Kelso and Ramsey in a few weeks. This is an exciting way to learn all about the planets and space and I am confident that all the children will enjoy the experience.

Our history focus this term is 'Parliament and Power', where we will look at how our current political system came about, starting with the signing of the Magna Carta through to more modern aspects of the judicial system and the development of the police force. In RE, we will look at the different beliefs of Christians and scientists and discuss whether their beliefs are conflicting or complementary. We will be swimming this term and doing gymnastics in our other PE session. For those that may want to read our English text with us, we will be reading 'The Accidental Prime Minister' by Tom McLaughlin and using this as the stimulus for our writing this term.

Homework

Homework - English (usually a grammar or reading comprehension focus) and maths - will still be given out weekly each **Friday** and should be handed in the following **Wednesday**, either by class dojo or placed in the homework tray. There will be a lunchtime (Wednesdays) set aside for anyone struggling to complete the homework. Spellings will also be given out on **Fridays** and should be practiced every day using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check strategy. Dojos will be given out for all homework completed on time and for extra effort and independent learning.

Reading

Please use the reading diaries for any reading completed at home. Please remember to put the page numbers that have been read (rather than the number of pages read) so that we can keep track of each child's reading.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays (gymnastics) and Fridays (swimming). Please note that the PE kit is a white t-shirt and either black or navy shorts. Please note, earrings cannot be worn for any PE. If you struggle to remove your earrings by yourself, you will need to take them out in the morning and then put them back in again when you get home. It is fine for anyone who has had their ears pierced for more than 6 weeks to remove the earrings for short periods without the hole closing up. Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE lessons so please bring hair ties or similar with you; thick plastic headbands and hairclips are not appropriate for tying hair back for PE.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any messages about your child or if you need to clarify anything and I will endeavor to reply as soon as I can.

Kind regards,

Miss Ratcliff,
Mrs Malcolm,
Mrs Slater.