The Laurel Class Newsletter

The Great Art Gallery

What a fantastic first team we have had. We have worked hard on place value in maths, looked at the purposes of writing in Literacy and learnt so much about the human body. Here's to another great and busy term!

Literacy

Literacy this term is going to be focused around sentence creation. It will focus on descriptive writing and how we make our writing more interesting. We will be looking at how we can use punctuation to add detail and expression to our writing, whilst thinking about word classes – nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs and how these make our writing more interesting for the reader.

Maths

Maths in Term 1 focussed on place value. In Term 2 we are focusing on addition and subtraction. We will be revisiting the column method for addition and subtraction, with the opportunity for exchanging. We will also be attempting to use addition and subtraction in a practical way through the exploration of money.

Topic

Our topic this term is the Great Art Gallery. As you might guess through the title, we will be exploring art. We will be looking at famous paintings, trying to recreate them and commenting on them. We will use our descriptive writing to create explanations for the pictures themselves. I am hoping to have a whole gallery for people to come and view! We will be using our history and RE lessons to look at historical and cultural differences in art and will revisit our celebrations topic from a previous year. We will also be using our PE and Music lessons to demonstrate how 'art' is not just painting and drawing, but can be all types of creative mediums.

PE and Forest School

I have been given permission for Laurel Class to wear their PE/Forest school kit all day on a Thursday. Due to the wide range of ages in our class, limited space and a mix of genders, we have found changing a real challenge. Please can they come in their PE kit (I would encourage long black joggers rather than shorts), a white top and a black jumper. If they would like to wear a different jumper to forest school, they can bring this to put on for the Forest School session.

PE will have a focus of Gymnastics and dance this term, with our aim to create repeatable movements and a performance which fits to a piece of music.

Personalised targets

During each week in Term 2 we will have time to work on specific targets individualised to each pupil depending on their need. These will be targets from maths, literacy, social and emotional development, fine and gross motor skills and speech and language (if required).

Seesaw

We will use Seesaw to post pictures and students work as often as we can. We will also use the message function to communicate with you. Sometimes it is difficult to catch up at the door, so will be able to give an overview on Seesaw if needed.

Parents Evening

Parent's evening for Laurel Class will run differently to the rest of the school. I feel like we need more time than 10 minutes to discuss your child's progress, both academically and progress towards EHCP targets. Due to this, we will run a parent's evening after school every day for two weeks from the 9th November – 20th November. You will receive a sign up request through Arbor. If you cannot make one of those times, please let Mr Dobson know and we can find a suitable time.

Information you need to know

Friday 13th November – Sibling photos
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas performance
Tuesday 15th December – The Great Art Gallery Display
9th November – 20th November – One parents evening slot per day straight after school
Monday 2nd November– Back to school after half term
Thursday 5th November - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 12th November - 9 – 10am - Parent pod for parents of all year groups - see poster in the office or online at: https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/about-us/dashwood-action-committee/
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day – children can wear odd socks to school in support of Anti-bullying
Monday 16th-Friday 20th November - Anti - Bullying Week.
Thursday 19th November – 4-5pm – Reception open evening for new pupils for September 2027
Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 and Christmas Jumper/Party Dress
Monday 4th January – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 5th January - First day back after Christmas Holidays