Class 2 Newsletter April 2010

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and didn't suffer from too much chocolate! (Can there be too much chocolate?) Our topic for this term is 'Over, Under, All Around'.

Literacy	Whole class Big Book sessions. Sounds-Write groups. Fiction and non-fiction texts on fantasy e.g. The Gruffalo, poetry.
Numeracy	Counting, writing numbers, ordering, place value, addition, subtraction, shape, time money, measures
Science	Plants and Animal Habitats – starting with studying plants and growing and then looking at minibeasts, habitats and life-cycles
DT	Playgrounds – designing and making playground equipment
Geography	Our local environment and how we could improve it – the local playground
History	Who were Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and what was their legacy
RE	New life – starting with babies!
ICT	Unit 2a using a word processing package (Word) to write, edit and print text and pictures
Art	Studying and drawing flowers with special study of Monet and the Impressionist Painters. Printing.
PE	**Thursdays** and **Fridays** Outdoor Games, dance and apparatus. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every Monday to remain all week. Trainers or plimsolls will be needed later this term as we hope to be outside as much as possible (spare socks are a good idea in case the grass is wet.) Please remove any earrings on these days.
PHSCE	Relationships and behaviour. Feeling safe.
Music	Practising beating and sustaining a rhythm and singing beautiful songs and rounds
French	Beginning conversations – simple vocabulary and numbers

Class 2 Homework: regular reading, weekly spellings, Learning Log task.

I'm introducing the chance to do a 'take away' task each term. If you would like to help your child with some model making, in conjunction with their topic, this is something really worthwhile to do at home. This term the task is to build your own playground. This can be any size (within reason!) and from any material – how about cake!! Though not compulsory I will put completed models on display in school.

As always please don't hesitate to raise any issues or concerns as soon as possible. I will be on the playground every morning from 8.50am, or can arrange a meeting after school.

Yours sincerely

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