

# Aslan Class Newsletter

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**PE & SPORT:** Again, we will endeavour to start each day with exercise, usually a mile-run around the school grounds. Our **PE lessons have moved to THURSDAY**, so pupils should come into school in PE kit on this day. Dark, plain tracksuits may be worn over the kit during the winter months. We will be focusing on gymnastics up to Christmas.

**PSHE:** In our first week back, we will be celebrating Parliament Week by electing our new school councillors. We will also be completing lessons about dealing with unexpected changes, before moving on to celebrating our diversity and differences.

**HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY:** We will be finishing our learning around the ancient Mayans; before moving on to completing a number of investigations about the Icelandic island of Hiemaey, and its volcano - Eldfell. In **ART & DT**, we will attempt to sculpt and build our own volcanoes in class.

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break. I hope to make contact with those parents and carers I was not able to meet online at the end of last term, early in November to discuss your child's progress in Term 1. Please also remember to contact the school office in the first instance, if you have any other questions or concerns.

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM:** Home learning will continue to be posted here, and whilst we are working to get all pupils using this – children may still use paper to complete home learning. If you haven't already, please ensure your child has access to Google Classroom in the event of school or class closures due to Coronavirus. Thank you.

## ENGLISH & READING

We start this term with an exciting book - 'Here We Are' - which we are using across all classes at Culverstone Green. Year 5 will be writing letters, poetry and persuasive texts based on this beautifully illustrated book.

Next up will be 'Skellig' - our class text for Term 2 - and we'll be using it during our reading fluency and comprehension lessons throughout the term.

'Skellig' will also be a basis for our English Grammar focus (commas, dialogue punctuation); and when learning to use Relative Clauses. The children will have a go at writing an additional chapter of the story too. (cont. right)

Finally, we'll use a picture book - 'Tuesday' by David Weisner - as a prompt to write newspaper reports including both reported and direct speech.

Banded reading books should continue to be brought in each day for 'Drop Everything & Read'.

## COMPUTING

We will be learning some word processing skills this term.

## FRENCH

Having learnt some classroom instructions at the end of last term, we will be learning to some simple future tense phrases and writing short presentations about ourselves.

## **MATHS**

Having completed our units on place value (incl. Roman Numerals), addition & subtraction before the break; we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division methods, before moving on to:

- Problem Solving (using addition, subtraction and Bar Models)
- Graphs and tables
- Fractions

Alongside this, we'll continue with daily 'fast maths' sessions to reinforce basic counting, calculation and mental arithmetic. Please remember to support your child's recall of times tables and corresponding division facts at home.

## **SCIENCE**

Last term we had a Chemistry based topic - Properties and Changes of Materials - and looked at how some materials change and act in different situations. We also explored Reversible and Irreversible Changes.

In Term 2, we turn to Physics, and learn about the Earth and Space.

We consider evidence that the Earth is spherical; learn about the planets in the Solar System; find out how day and night occur; look at different time zones around the World; and investigate the movement and phases of the Moon.