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Welcome to Central Class!

Autumn Term Two

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely half term. We are super excited to begin this Christmasy term with Central! On a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Baker (formally Mrs Brown) will be covering my PPA time, and I will not be in school on a Thursday. The class will be taught by Miss Lambe every Thursday alongside Miss Burns and Mrs Osborne, please message the appropriate staff if needed, so that urgent messages are picked up.

Topic

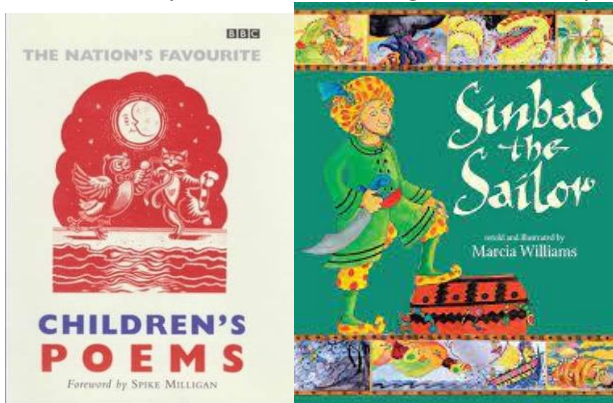
This term in Central class we are exploring a new topic entitled 'Plants and Climates.' We will be exploring more map work, learning about key aspects of the different climate zones. We will also learn what a biome is, what a vegetation belt is and also locate these on maps using compasses and grid reference.



Reading and Literacy

We always try to encourage a love of reading as much as possible within school. One way we do this is through text-based writing, which means that we have a book we read together and use in our literacy lessons. To start the term off, we will be looking at 'Sinbad the Sailor' by Marcia Williams before moving on to another lovely book of poems called 'The Nation's favourite children's poems' by Spike Milligan.

Within literacy, we will be focusing on letters, explanation texts and narrative writing as well as poetry.



Please ensure that your child is reading at home **every** night, as well as recording their reading in their reading records. Children will take AR tests throughout the week with books usually being changed by Wednesday so please ensure these are being brought back into school. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday with homework, spelling tests are the following Friday mornings.

Maths

We will be starting off the term with assessments. This will be in Maths, reading and GPS and will give the adults an idea as to where the children need more support or where they are excelling. We will be learning all about multiplication and division. Children will have daily arithmetic questions as a maths starter to spend 10 minutes on for practice, as well as daily reasoning and problem-solving questions and challenges. As part of the government scheme, in June 2024, Y4 children will be carrying out a times tables test which we will be starting to practice this year. For this, children need to know all their times tables up to the 12 times tables. Sumdog is an excellent way of practicing this, if you can please ensure your children are using this that would help a lot. If you have any problems with Sumdog, please let me know.

Science

In Science, we are moving on to a new topic all about Light. We will be learning all about topics such as what a light source is, what reflection is, why shadows are formed but also thinking about the sun and dangers of UV light on our eyes etc.

P.E

Within P.E. this term, we shall be focusing on dance on a **Tuesday** with Mrs Baker, and another curriculum area with JB Sports on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit on those days if they are not keeping them in school, although we encourage PE kits to be left in school now. Please also ensure that your child does not wear earrings and that long hair is tied up on PE days.

Key Dates –

- 9th November – Remembrance assembly 9am
- 13-16th November – Anti-Bullying week
- 17th November – Children in Need – SPOTacular theme!
- 1st December – PTFA Christmas Fete
- 12th December – Christmas dinner
- 13th December – Pantomime!
- 14th December – Christmas church service 930am
- 18th December – KS2 Christmas Carol performance production
- 20th December – Last day of term

Key Information

- Please ensure that children are bringing in the correct PE kit on the relevant days.
- I'm not in school on a Thursday, so please message Miss Lambe should you need to that day.

It will be an exciting and busy term, lots of fun things to look forward to!

Many Thanks,
Central team 😊

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