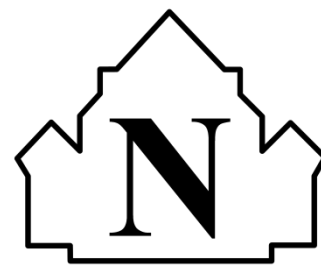


Monday 25th February 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Rosemellyn Spring Update

We hope that everyone has enjoyed the break from school and feel ready for another busy half term. We are continuing with our topic, '**The Wombles**', which centres around sustainability and the environment. Our topic overview is on the Rosemellyn class page of the school website.

Our Curriculum & You: During DT sessions, we will begin our practical upcycling work and the children are very enthusiastic about making their ideas become a reality. Mrs Kitts has already commandeered several items from her home (much to the disappointment of Mr Kitts) and in Mrs Jago's house, she has begun removing surplus furniture (much to the delight of Mr Jago) that could have been destined for landfill.



Several members of Rosemellyn class have been sharing their home experiences, as well as telling us about the fantastic skills amid their families. The majority of our practical work takes place during



Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. If you, or anyone in your extended family network, would like to come in and share your knowledge, then we would be extremely appreciative of your support and expertise. You do not have to make a weekly commitment, but we are grateful for any time you can offer our Rosemellyn children. Alternatively, if you have always fancied trying your hand at upcycling, then come in and lend a hand whilst learning with us. We would love you to join us, if you feel you are able to do so.

Our Weekly Routine: There is a slight change to our weekly routine this half term. Our Spanish lessons with Ms Trula will resume during the second half of Summer term. PE will continue to be on Monday and Friday afternoons with Mr Bacon with swimming sessions due to take place after the Easter holidays. We will provide further information on this closer to the time.

Homework is still being set every **Friday** with an opportunity for children to speak with an adult from Rosemellyn for **support on Mondays** if they experience difficulties. After this point, all children are expected to hand in completed homework **every Wednesday**.

Home Study: To help prepare the children for the next stage of learning, there are weekly expectations for homework:

Reading = at least five (10 minute) sessions per week

Spellings = learning new words, but also revising previous word lists in order to retain them

English = a task consisting of approximately five questions or a specific activity

Maths = approximately five questions (sometimes with more than one part per question)

Mrs Jago will continue to make sure she is available during Monday break, if anyone in Rosemellyn would like extra help. Homework tasks that are not received will be completed in school, during their own time. **Homework will be set from Friday 1st March.**

Mock SATs: In September, Mrs Jago held parent information meetings to provide an insight into the year ahead. Part of these discussions included the preparation that goes into supporting your child with end of key stage standard attainment tests (SATs). We emphasize ways to avoid feeling overwhelmed by the guidance adults must adhere to when administering test papers. In class, we have talked about what will happen during the SATs week in May and how it might feel to complete the papers under these test conditions. To help the children understand what to expect, we complete a Mock SATs week this half term.

Week Beginning Monday 18th March 2019 – Mock SATs

The SATs papers completed by Year 6 children include:

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| • English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling | Paper 1: GPS Questions | 45 minutes |
| | Paper 2: Spelling (not strictly timed) | 15 minutes |
| • Reading | Paper: Reading | 1 hour |
| • Maths | Paper 1: Arithmetic | 30 minutes |
| | Paper 2: Reasoning | 40 minutes |
| | Paper 3: Reasoning | 40 minutes |

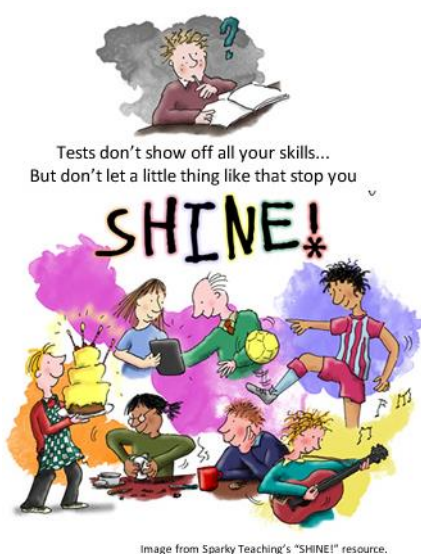


Image from Sparky Teaching's "SHINE!" resource.

This will not be your child's first experience of a SATs paper. End of term assessments and questions posed in lessons are deliberately constructed to reflect the format children can expect to see in a SATs paper.

We are incredibly proud of every member of Rosemellyn and continue to make it clear that **test papers could never expose all the talents and skills that make them who they are**. Children learn at their own individual pace. We have carefully designed our topic with class interests in mind, as well as a way to alleviate some of the more intense demands of English and Maths subject coverage in Year 6. Our greatest wish is for our children to achieve their personal best so that they have the chance they deserve to reach their full potential. We are passionate in our belief that this is personal for each child.

Open Door Policy: The adults in Rosemellyn are Mrs Jago (Class Teacher), Mrs Miskowicz (HLTA) and Mrs Kitts (Teaching Assistant). We want every child in our care to feel valued, respected and happy during our time together. To make sure this happens, communication is very important. If you have any concerns throughout the year, please get in touch and we can arrange a time to talk.

Mrs J Jago, Mrs Miskowicz and Mrs Kitts

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