

Monday 5th June 2017

Dear families,

I hope you had a good half-term break. I can't believe how lucky we were with the weather - hope you all had the chance to enjoy some of it!

It is great to have the SATs over with but this term is shaping up to be busier than ever...

Our first week will be spent electioneering. Children have been split into campaign teams and it is their job to persuade the rest of the school to vote for their given set of house names. They will be using their persuasive writing skills to good effect, creating campaign brochures and writing and recording their own party political broadcasts. These will be shared with the rest of the school in a bid to win their votes.

Maths will take place over the second part of the week as the class will be not only responsible for counting the votes, but also for analysing them. Children will be tasked with presenting the results in different formats (using pie charts, bar graphs and computer software) and then they will be asked to interpret the data, looking for patterns, differences etc.

Our second week will be focused on the media. We are lucky to be having a visit from a radio expert who will be teaching us how to make a radio show in a day. Children will work in different features teams to prepare for recording at the end of the day. We will be following this up by creating a newspaper and a T.V. news broadcast.

This term will also see us consolidating our maths skills (arithmetic and problem solving) further.

We will be working a lot on polishing our play, 'The Pied Piper', for performance. Children will be involved as much as possible in creating props. If any parents are willing to help with costumes, please could you let us know; without Mrs Bristow, any help will be much appreciated!!!

On Friday 16th June, we will also be having a Save the Children 'Den Day' where we will be discussing the issue of homelessness for children in this country and in refugee camps around the world. Children will be putting their creative skills to the test as they plan and make their own shelters.

I am reinstating homework for the final term to keep children ticking over - it will follow the same format as before, being sent out on a Friday and needing to be completed by Wednesday. Please encourage children to be reading as much as possible. We still take in reading records each week and rewards are up for grabs.

Please keep your eye on twitter and your emails for details about how we will be sharing our wonderful work with you. If you have any questions, please pop in and see us.

Miss Thompson, Mrs Simpson & Mrs Morrall