



# Year 5 Hummingbirds Newsletter

## Warlingham Village Primary School

### Summer Term 2017



I hope you all had a relaxing Easter. This term we will be working hard preparing for the transition to year 6.

#### **Homework**

Homework will begin again next week (24/4). Homework is handed out on **Wednesday** and should be returned to school on **Monday**. Homework this term will consist of the following:

- A written task. This will either be Maths or English. It is planned to suit the needs of your child and should not require lots of support. If your child is having difficulty please let me know either by writing a comment in the homework book or speaking to me.
- Spellings. Your child needs choose 10 words and write a sentence for each word. The sentence should be an extended sentence and use joined handwriting. The spelling test occurs on Tuesday and Friday.
- Times Tables. Children must learn all of their timetables. They are tested each day based on the initiative 'Rock Stars'.

A book will be sent home for your child to read to / with an adult. After the book has been read, ask questions about the characters settings and plot in the book. We will change the books every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that their books are brought into school on these days regardless of whether it needs changing. Your child's book will only be changed if an adult has recorded in the reading record book, that the child has finished the book.

Spellings will be sent home on **Tuesday** and should be practised as often as possible in preparation for a test every **Monday**.

#### **Take-Away Homework**

The children made a good effort, last term, with their take-away homework. Many children were rightly really proud of their work and enjoyed sharing their effort with others.

The MicroSociety letter, accompanying this newsletter, will provide more information on this.

#### **Reading**

Books are changed weekly on Friday. Please ensure your child brings their reading record on this day indicating the reading they have done during the week.

#### **PE**

This will continue to occur on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure PE kits are in school on this day. PE is a compulsory part of the school curriculum and your child **MUST** have a letter if they are unable to participate in this subject.

#### **SUMMER WEATHER**

With the weather getting hotter please remember to provide your child with a water bottle and hat.

### **English**

In English this term we will focus on the following themes:

- Stories from Ancient Greece.
- Persuasive and discursive writing.
- Formal and informal language.

We also continue to focus on sentence construction and ensuring our sentences are grammatically correct.

The areas of **Mathematics** that we will cover this term include:

- Solving multi-step word problems using the main operations.
- Developing written methods for the main operations.
- Translation
- Rules for BODMAS
- Measuring and solving problems related to length, mass and capacity.

### **Our Science topics are Living Things**

In these topics we will learn:

- I can identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood (including the pulse and clotting).
- I can describe the life cycles common to a variety of animals, including humans (birth, growth, development, reproduction, death), and to a variety of plants (growth, reproduction and death).
- Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way human bodies function.
- Describe the changes as humans develop from birth to old age.

### **Discovery Curriculum**

Our main topic this term is Ancient Greece 'MicroSociety'. As its name indicates, it is about the children building their own mini society in the class.

Please see the separate letter for more information.