**Green Class News letter**

**Spring 1 - 2023**



**Geography**

Our Geography topic this term will be ‘Magical Mapping’

Your child will be developing key map skills through a range of engaging geographical skill based activities. Children will explore a range of maps at a local, national and global level, developing their understanding of how to navigate around an atlas to find key countries, continents, oceans and seas along with devising their own maps and routes. They will learn how to ‘view from above’ looking at aerial photographs to spot human and physical features, understand simple map symbols, compass directions and develop key geographical vocabulary throughout the unit.

**Home Learning**

Home Learning will be handed out every Thursday and will need to be returned the following Tuesday. Your child will be expected to complete one maths activity and one reading comprehension per week. There will also be a set of 10 spellings to learn for a weekly quiz. Home learning handed in after the Tuesday will be marked the following week. There will also be a termly range of topic themed tasks uploaded on google classroom along with the weekly spellings. On completion these tasks can be uploaded and learning will be shared each week in class. Humming birds will be given for completing home learning.

**Reading**

Reading should be done daily at home. This ensures your child progresses brilliantly this year! Also, Merton Libraries have an excellent range of ebooks and audio books for children.

Thanks in advance for supporting your child with this.

I hope that we all have a fantastic term of learning.

Mrs Hume

 Welcome back everyone.

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the Christmas break. I am looking forward to a super Spring term ahead.

In class

We have Mrs Mann and Mrs Rajendran as our Teaching Assistants and 1:1 support this term. In addition, Mrs Davies will be teaching some lessons on Tuesdays.

Science

Our Topic this term is ‘Living Things and their habitats’

Your child will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive, and apply this in a range of contexts. They make observations of a local habitat and the creatures that live there, investigating conditions in local microhabitats and how they affect the minibeasts found within them. This unit allows children to research a range of global habitats and how the living things that live there are suited to their environments, and also provides an introduction to the idea of dependency between plant and animal species.

**P.E.**

P.E. will take place every **Thursday** and **Friday**. 1 session will be inside and one session will be outdoors. P.E. kit will be worn all day. Please allow children to wear trainers during the cold weather.

**PSHE**

Our main focus for Spring 1 will be to ensure that all children are happy, healthy and feel safe at school. We will be focussing on feelings and emotions; healthy relationships this term.