



## Pineapple Class Newsletter, Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year we have been through together! We are hoping that this summer term may be a bit easier and happier for us all. I have got lots of things planned for our lessons and want to tell you what the children will be learning.

Our first topic (until half-term) is called, "Captivating Castles". Lots of our work will be based around this topic. The second half-term will be on The Olympics. I originally planned that for last year! We will be learning about different countries whatever happens with The Olympics.

In Computing the children will be learning about how to be safe online (we teach that in every Computing area) and about communication and collaboration online. They have done more of that this year than I ever imagined and we have learnt some really useful ways of working online. We have got lots of fun activities planned. After the half-term the focus will be on using multi-media and word processing to record our learning.

PSHE stands for Personal, Social and Health Education. We cover lots of important areas in this subject. The first unit is on playing and learning together with others. The children will be learning about how to play and work with other children, sharing, taking turns and resolving any problems. We will also talk about bullying, how it is unacceptable and what to do if you feel upset. I have planned to turn the classroom into a giant role-play area for two sessions, where the children can pretend to go shopping, visit a library, café etc. I think that will be really enjoyable. The next topic will be about safety in the community. We will be teaching the children about road safety, stranger danger and other ways to keep themselves safe. It's another really important unit.

Our first unit in RE is based on a Northamptonshire competition where children use art to express themselves in RE. I have chosen the category, "We have more in common than that which divides us". The children will be doing artwork based on what, who and where is important to them and to others. The second unit focuses on disciples of Jesus. The children will learn about Jesus' life from the Bible.

As you know, we will be having PE lessons with a coach. The children will, as I said before the holidays, need PE kit for that. We will also continue to have PE on the playground. Some of the children have loved our regular football matches, so we will have more of those and also try some athletics - running, jumping and throwing.

We plan to continue our weekly Wednesday walks round Spencer Park. These have become a highlight of the week for most of us. It's lovely to walk and chat with your children out of the classroom.

We cover all aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. I will, of course, continue to let you know more about what we are doing in the home/school books. Our first unit in Literacy is traditional stories, myths and legends. I plan to tell the children the story of King Midas, The Pied Piper, Daedalus and Icarus and The Wooden Horse of Troy. We will begin the unit by thinking of all the traditional stories that the children know - like Cinderella, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk etc.

Work in Key Skills is an important part of our day. A lot of the work the children do in that time is based on their own objectives in their Individual Education Plans (IEPs). The children who arrive at school first do their individual work when they arrive at school and those who use school transport generally do theirs once those children have left., This means everyone gets lots of 1:1 help and this is really helping them.

I always say this, but please do get in touch if you want to know more, to ask any questions or to tell us anything. We really are working together in teaching your children. I hope we will have a great term!

All the best,

Sarajane