

Class 3 Spring Newsletter

*This term our topic is **The Mountain Environment**. We will be studying different mountains and mountain ranges, and learning about the different climates and features of those mountains. After half term, we will be learning about mountain survival, and will learn how to put up tents, as well as navigation and compass work. We will even have the opportunity to interview a visitor who has been on a number of trips to Antarctica!*

In **Science** this term, we are looking at Plant Life Cycles. The unit of work has got off to a good start with the children setting up their own investigations into germination. Later on in the term, we shall move onto looking at Interdependence and Adaptation, during which the children will further develop their knowledge of green plants. The BBC Website

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/> has a number of activities and revision exercises on these topics, and others studied as part of our Science curriculum. It also has useful revision for English and Maths too, perfect for Year 6 SATs revision.

The following websites have a number of games and resources that can be useful for your child, especially for enhancing their learning in maths:

www.mathszone.co.uk

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

<http://www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk/Curriculum/Curriculum.htm>

We shall continue to have Ms Bridstrup, a teacher from SVC, come in on certain Tuesdays to teach and advise in our French lessons. Art, DT, RE and Music will be taught by Mrs Bett this term. In RE on a Monday, the children will be looking at the Islamic religion and paying particular attention to the role of the mosque. The children's Art work will be focusing on environmental art, and their DT will concentrate on the design and make of shelters. Mrs Bett will also take the children for PE on a Friday morning, whilst I shall take their PE lesson on a Tuesday afternoon.

* Please ensure you child has the correct PE kit – a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts / tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls - with them on these days, and that it is named. They may also require a jumper as we will be outside and it may be a little chilly! *

Please remember – Key Stage 2 SATs take place between Monday May 12th and Friday 16th May. It is essential that children are not taken away from school before or during this time.

Homework – Literacy and Numeracy homework will be set weekly on a Monday. There will also be weekly spellings set on a Monday, which need to be learnt for a test the following Monday. Science homework will be given once a fortnight on a Wednesday.

If you do have any problems or questions, please do come and see me. The best times are after school, except for Mondays which is a staff meeting time.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Barnes.