

Class 3

Summer Newsletter

Tuesday 1st May 2007

Dear parents/ carers,

We have already got underway with the many exciting and varied activities this term. There are a few changes to the timetable, which is printed overleaf. Class 3 will be taught Music and Art by Mrs Bett on Monday afternoons this half term and Literacy and Numeracy on Monday mornings next half term. We will spend all of Tuesday afternoon at Sawston Village College where we will have French with Madame Bridstrup followed by swimming. We also have the privilege of having specialist cricket coaching on Thursday afternoons with Michael Burns from Sawston cricket club.

Topic

In History this term we are learning about the Romans. During this topic we will be comparing the Romans to the Celts in battle and lifestyle; learning who Boudicca was and discovering the Roman way of life including games, gladiators, food, religion and hygiene! There are many fantastic websites on the Romans, that can not only be used to help your child with their homework, but can deepen their historical knowledge and skills in a fun way.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans/>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/history.html#Roman>

Statutory Assessment Tasks (SATs) and Year 5 Optional SATs: Monday 14th - Friday 18th May 2007

I've been extremely impressed so far with the effort the children have put into their SATs revision in the classroom, especially their perseverance in areas they find more difficult. I will continue to set extended homework linked to SATs revision each week. Please encourage your child to complete this and hand it back in on time. I am also encouraging them to talk through their answers at home and use various revision websites to brush up on aspects of English, Maths and Science they are less confident with.

The following websites are recommended for SATs revision:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revisewise/>

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

http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm

If you have any questions or concerns about SATs then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Homework

The homework pattern will be different initially as we prepare for SATs. I am giving the children more frequent and extended work to build on SATs revision in the classroom. I also expect them to spend additional time visiting revision websites or reading through their notes. Post SATs we will then move to more topic based homework, linked to our work on the Romans. The year 6s will also be given homework linked to Literacy, Maths and Science transition work for secondary school.

Dates for your diary

Class 3 Assembly: Friday 15th June

Stoke-by-Clare Parents evening: Monday 18th June 6pm

Stoke-by-Clare residential visit: 9th - 13th July

Yours faithfully,

Miss B Lawrence