

Welcome to Class Nine and the Spring term!



Welcome back to school after the Easter holiday – we hope you had a lovely break.

This half term, our topic is:

Marvellous Morecambe

After we have finished our current topic, we will be launching our new topic with a Victorian day. Letters have already been sent out requesting children to come to school on Monday 23rd April dressed as a Victorian child (or similar). We have lots of 'fun' activities lined up, as well as some traditional teaching methods!

Again, this is a busy term with lots happening. We are looking forward to visiting Ambleside on 3rd/4th May. There is a meeting for parents to give further information on Thursday 19th April at 5:30pm where we will answer any questions you may have about this visit. There are many extra-curricular clubs for the children to get involved with this term and an exciting amount of sports competitions coming up.

In the run up to Pentecost, our Christian focus for this term is 'The Fruits of the Spirit'. We have started with Joy and will cover the other fruits throughout the half-term: Love, Peace, Kindness, Patience, Faithfulness, Goodness, Gentleness and Self-control. It would be lovely if you could find examples of your children demonstrating these fruits at home.

Overview of subjects this term:

English	Stories with flashbacks
Maths	Review of everything taught this year.
Science	We will use the seaside as a stimulus for a variety of investigations looking at materials and their properties: transparency, absorbency, thermal conductivity and solubility.
Computing	Looking at a variety of search engines (yes, there are more than 1!) and how to stay safe on the internet.
RE	Ideas about God – to further the children's understanding of the nature of God, his characteristics and his relationship with people.
Topic	History – The Victorians, specifically looking at how Morecambe developed in the late Victorian era. Design & Technology – Structures. Designing and making a fairground ride. Art – Drawing and painting skills, moving towards textile work. Geography – human and physical geography of Morecambe
PE	Cricket – striking and fielding Athletics
Music	Seaside inspired music
PSHE	The fruits of the spirit.
French	Café culture and eating out

Throughout the week, we are very lucky to be supported in Class Nine by **Mrs Pritchard**. **Mrs Rees** will teach your children **Music and RE** on a **Thursday afternoon**.

Please can children bring in the following items every day:

- Reading book and record
- Spelling book
- Water bottles
- Waterproof coats

P.E continues to be on **Monday afternoon** and **Tuesday afternoon**. Please can all children have their full P.E kit (including labelled t-shirt, shorts and pumps) in school all term. This kit will be sent home at half-term to be freshened up!

Children continue to have a piece of Maths and English homework every week. This will generally be given out on a Tuesday but the day might vary. Homework is due in on Monday of the following week. There is a homework club on a Friday lunchtime for children who are struggling to complete homework.

All children have a Read Theory login and are expected to use this as much as possible to continue to improve their comprehension skills. Athletics activities are set every week and children are still expected to read at home on a regular basis. Children are encouraged to read their reading book four times a week.

Morecambe Trip

As part of our topic work, we are planning a trip to Morecambe to look at how it has developed and changed over the years.

If you have any contacts in Morecambe who would be able to make this day as exciting as possible, please let us know.

We are looking forward to a great and exciting half term in Class 9.

Please feel free to pop in or catch me in the playground if you have any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes,

Mr J Martin