

**Marshfield CE VC Primary School**

## **End of Term Newsletter**

**25 October 2018**



Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first term. It feels like only last week we were welcoming the children back and they (along with the teachers) have continued to arrive with enthusiasm despite the darkening mornings and fresher weather.

What a term it has been – pirates have taken over the hall with class 3, class 6 have visited a living rainforest and our youngest children attended the church for the first time as a class. This has all taken place alongside our normal curriculum in which class 5 have designed and made space buggies, class 4 have explored the Viking reign and class 2 have launched rockets in the playground. The PTA also organised the Marshfield Mudlark and Pumpkin Disco. We are all ready for a well-earned rest!

Wishing you a relaxing and fun-filled holiday

Jessica Bolt  
Headteacher

### **Road Safety**

Many of our children walk to and from school. Not only is this a healthy way to travel but it also supports their responsibility and independence. In school, to ensure our children are as safe as possible, we hold Road Safety assemblies and Key Stage 2 children (years 3-6) have a road safety workshop.

As the clocks go back this weekend, and the days shorten, we will be reminding all children to Be Safe and Be Seen by wearing bright and/or reflective outerwear. We will also remind them of the Green Cross Code and walking safely.

To support our children can I please ask that parents choose to park safely: avoiding corners of roads or double parking which makes it difficult for children and families to see other vehicles and cross safely. The community centre continue to be happy for parents to use their car park and walk the rest of the journey. The links below contain additional information for both parents and children.



<https://www.rosipa.com/road-safety/advice/children/>

<https://www.rosipa.com/road-safety/advice/parents/>

## Attendance

We have updated our attendance policy and it is available on the website or via the school office. As a school and local authority we have high expectations for our children's attendance as we know that regular, consistent attendance makes a huge difference to learning: if children are not in school they miss key parts of their learning.

A reminder please, that in line with our attendance policy, we are unable to authorise any holiday and would ask that this is not booked or requested during term time. Holiday in term time may lead to a penalty fine.

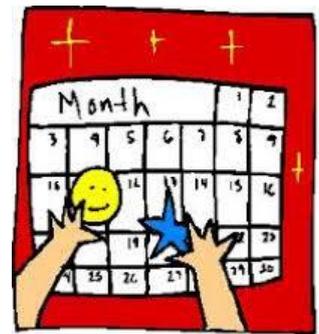
There are 190 days spent in school, learning, developing skills and improving life chances. This leaves 175 non-school days in a year to spend on taking holidays.

We thank for your support in ensuring that holidays and extra-curricular activities take place outside of school hours.

### INSET dates confirmed

Every year each school must undertake 5 INSET days in an academic year in addition to the 190 teaching days. These days are used for staff training and professional development. Our first INSET this year was held jointly with another South Gloucestershire school and saw all staff trained in the implementation of Jigsaw – a teaching method and scheme for PSHE (personal, social and health education) which has now been adopted throughout the school. Our next INSET will be taking place tomorrow and all staff are receiving first aid training to ensure our children are kept safe. Our INSET on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March is linked to the development of English and we will be focusing on Writing and in particular spelling. Our final two INSETS are **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** and **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** where the team will be focusing on transition between year groups and preparing for the year ahead linked to assessment and planning.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June



### Date change

Due to a date clash, the KS2 Christmas Service at St Mary's Church will now be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm.**

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this change.



Want to find out more about our school? What to see what your child has been up to? Follow us [@MarshfieldP](#) for regular updates! **You don't need to have a twitter account to look at our wonderful learning!**

# CLASS NEWS

## Miró Class – Mrs Tilley

What a long but successful term this has been!! We have all settled in brilliantly and are enjoying being part of Marshfield Primary School. We have had lots of fun during our first topic, learning all about 'Ourselves'. We have learned about our bodies, how we grow and change, our feelings, our senses and how to keep ourselves healthy.

Our phonics learning is well underway and have learned 16 phonemes and have begun to use these sounds to help read and write simple words. We have also started to read some irregular common (tricky) words as well!

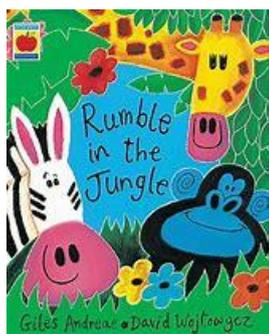
Our maths focus this term has been on number and really understanding numbers to 10. We can confidently recognise numerals 1-10 and say what is one more or one less than a given number up to 10. We have also been practising how to write numbers as well which is helping us when we record our answers.



Miss Ellis has been a great addition to our class this term and has led much of the learning that has been taking place. Next term she will be with us for a few weeks before starting her second school placement but we look forward to her return in February when she will stay with us until the end of the year.

We are looking forward to a well-deserved break but are equally as excited to return next term when we will be having our brand new outside area as well as getting ready for our first school nativity performance.

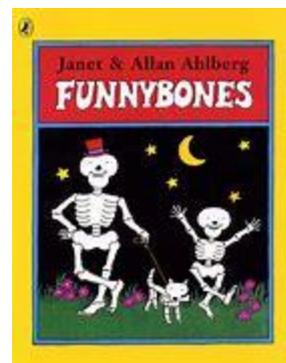
## Van Gogh Class – Miss Bateman



What a fab term we have had so far! The children have all settled into year 1 brilliantly and are producing some great work! This term we have built bridges, made music outside, explored life for children in different capital cities and we have even designed and launched our own rockets!

In English next term we will continue to write well-structured sentences, remembering to add capital letters, finger spaces and full stops where needed. We will be reading the book 'Funnybones' and we will be using this text to inspire our own writing. In science we will be looking at our 'funny bones' and investigating how our bodies are structured.

In maths we will continue to work on our addition and subtraction and we will also be having a look at 2D and 3D shapes.



PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Fridays this term. Please can the children have the correct PE kit in school at all times. Please can you also make sure that all clothing is labelled so that it can be returned to its rightful owner, if lost?

Have a lovely half term! Miss Bateman

## Klee Class – Mrs Hachani

It's been a fantastically exciting start to year 2 as we were invaded by pirates! We've been inspired to write pirate-themed letters, diaries, newspapers and stories, have learned our own sea shanty and even met a real-life pirate: Captain Rocky Cliff! In maths, we've been number experts, investigating place value and learning how to use our understanding to add and subtract 2-digit numbers confidently.

Next term, we'll be setting sail and leaving pirates behind, as we explore Muck, Mess and Mixtures; learning about the uses of everyday materials in science. In maths we will continue to use addition and subtraction and look at money and multiplication. In English we will be using the story of The Day the Crayons Quit to build our writing skills and introduce the idea of colour in art. Things are about to get rather "messy" in Klee Class...



## Monet Class – Mrs Rubel

WOW what an amazing term we've had! The children have settled into Key Stage 2 really well and are all really enjoying their learning in Class 4. Discussing it this week as a class, we can't believe how much learning has happened in such a short space of time!

A huge thank you for all the support from home, especially with our rock homework challenge. This has been a HUGE success at school and has brought so much joy to others.

In term 2 we will be continuing with our creative curriculum topic, Incredible Invaders and enjoying our school trip linked to our topic on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

In English lessons, we will continue our learning based on our class book, How To Train Your Dragon and writing stories on the book, recounts on our school trip and ending the term with some Christmas poetry.

In mathematics lessons, we will be learning about fractions, column addition and telling the time.

Our PE days will be **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and needs to be back in **by Wednesday at the latest please.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me after school.



Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Rubel

*Children enjoying our rock survey of Marshfield*

## Kandinsky Class – Mrs Luton & Mrs Lewis

What a fantastic time we had exploring 'space'. We have all (staff included) enhanced our understanding within this area and are now experts on the topic of the planets and the moon. The children were very enthusiastic and we even managed a free trip on Concorde! We are ever hopeful they will be as inspired by our next theme 'Me and My World' where we get to focus on our very own special class artist Wassily Kandinsky. Watch this space for our textile masterpieces! We will be



engaging in a wide range of Russian Folk Tales, using these as part of our reading experiences in both whole class and guided reading activities. These will also provide a basis for us to extend our writing skills, developing and demonstrating our grammar skills through letters, diaries and narrative pieces. During our space theme, we concentrated heavily on science coverage, therefore Geography will be a major focus of our learning next term. We will be building on our map reading skills and comparing England to Russia, giving us a greater insight into this

country. In maths, multiplication and division will be our starting point, and then we will move onto fractions. Both form a huge part of the year 4 and year 5 curriculum so any practice within these areas outside of school would be very beneficial. The children have been embracing their Spanish skills and we will continue to build on these. The first week back will be centred on 'Where the Poppies Now Grow', linked into our coverage of WW1 and Remembrance. Can we take this opportunity to thank you for your support with homelearning; we are hoping to keep building on the children's spelling understanding and application.

## Hockney Class – Mr Looker-Jones

Class 6 have had an absolutely fantastic term one, best summarised by the amazing achievement of every single member of the class having read at least five times every single week! A massive congratulations to everyone! There are so many other standout moments from the past eight weeks: using pastels to create the children's stunning 'Owl and the Pussycat' artwork; dissecting owl pellets; exploring the abundance of living organisms within the school environment; reading the brilliant novel *Skellig* and, of course, our school trip to the awe-inspiring Living Rainforest.

So term two has a lot to live up to – but live up to it, term two will!

Our new creative curriculum topic is 'Cleopatra comin' atcha!' and whilst our first theme focussed on science, our second will be centred on history and geography. Whilst reading Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* (something of a sequel to last year's *Julius Caesar*) and writing journalistic reports and tragedy stories based on the play, we will be asking questions such as who was the real Cleopatra? How did the Egyptians write? What was the process of mummification (we will be sculpting our own Canopic jars – perfect for mummified remains!) and who was Tutankhamun? Our investigations will lead us to Highclere Castle (a.k.a. Downton Abbey!) to visit some of the genuine ancient Egyptian relics discovered in King Tut's actual tomb by Howard Carter's team of archaeologists. Furthermore, we will be thinking about Egypt's location in Africa, its climate and vegetation, and modern-day tourism.



In maths, we have a lot to cover! We hope to have looked at multiplication, division, square and cube numbers, multiples and factors, prime numbers and fractions and decimals by the time Christmas arrives. Phew!

PE this term is on Mondays with Mr. Hull (outside whenever possible) and Thursdays which will be gymnastics in the hall with Mr. Looker-Jones.

Please note, due to availability at the castle, our trip to Highclere is not until the new year; similarly, our sharing assembly is second week back of term three when we look forward to revealing everything we will have learned during what is looking like another fabulous theme; as a very different Cleopatra said, "We're gonna blow the [pyramid] roof!"



Firstly, a massive thank you for the huge amount of support we've received this term. It's been a busy one for sure and with your help we've been able to support the first ever Marshfest which raised £650 for our school and the Marshfield Mudlark which has raised over £1000. Absolutely fantastic!! We have also had our ever popular Pumpkin Disco, which as well as raising funds for the PTA was huge amounts of fun for everyone! Thank you!!

### **AGM News**

We had a great AGM in October, thank you to everyone who came along. We're delighted that Claire Lavis is continuing as Chairperson for another year. Tania Tillett has agreed to move from being our Secretary to undertaking the Treasurer role which is fantastic. However, we are now without a Secretary!

Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary are mandatory roles within the PTA, without them we cannot continue as an organisation. The Secretary role is really not too onerous – it requires someone who is able to attend the meetings (6 per year, plus the AGM), take minutes and then distribute them to the PTA members.

If you would be willing to take on this role, please contact Claire Lavis on [clairemooney1@hotmail.com](mailto:clairemooney1@hotmail.com) or come along to our next meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 8:00pm at the Lord Nelson.

### **Term Two**

Term Two is obviously all about Christmas!! We have loads of exciting things planned but as always it takes a lot of hands to make light work!!

We'd **LOVE** it if you would be able to offer your time to help out with any of our Christmas events, especially the Christmas Fair (8<sup>th</sup> December, 10:00am-12:00pm). There is always lots of planning, preparing and wrapping to do so all help is much appreciated. Please contact Claire on [clairemooney1@hotmail.com](mailto:clairemooney1@hotmail.com) or leave a message via the office. Thank you!!



**URGENT!!! SECRETARY NEEDED!!**

## Dates for your Diary

Term 2	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Term 2 begins
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet (Class 4) trip to Ufton Court
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2:30pm	Monet (Class 4) Sharing Assembly
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 10:00am – 12:00pm	School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December @ 6:00pm	Infant Nativity
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2:00pm	Infant Nativity
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 6:00pm	KS2 Christmas Service at St Mary's
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 9:30am	Hobgoblin Theatre Company present 'The Snow Queen'
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 1:30pm	Marshfield's Got Talent!
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term
Term 3	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 begins
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to LifeSkills
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Hockney (Class 6) Trip to Highclere Castle
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January @ 2:30pm	Hockney (Class 6) Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 3:30-3:50pm	Open Books
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term
Term 4	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 4 begins
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Inset Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 1 – 3:30pm	Kandinsky (Class 5) Family Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 2:30pm	Kandinsky (Class 5) Sharing Assembly
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April @ 1:30pm (TBC)	Easter service at St Mary's
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term
Term 5	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term 5 begins
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 3:30-3:50pm	Open Books
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 1 – 3:30pm	Miro (Class 1) Family Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May @ 2:30pm	Klee (Class 3) Sharing Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term
Term 6	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term 6 begins

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inset Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (afternoon)	Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June @ 2:30pm	Van Gogh (Class 2) Sharing Assembly
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Camp Week (years 5 and 6)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Van Gogh (Class 2) Family Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July @ 6:00pm	KS2 Production
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July @ 2:00pm	KS2 Production
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July @ 2:30pm	Miro (Class 1) Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 1:30pm (TBC)	Leavers service in St Mary's
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term



**Have a lovely half term holiday!**