



Friesian Class Spring Term 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to catching up with you all in the coming weeks.

In the first part of this term, we will be using our immersion curriculum time to focus on:

- Being scientists and investigating animals – look out in the blog for an invitation to join us for our quiz!
- Being artists and developing our mark making and collage skills, whilst learning about mixed media artists
- Being musicians and developing our ability to write lyrics linked to a theme, and perform as part of a choir (Look out for more information about our upcoming school ISingPOP concert)
- Being geographers and developing our knowledge and understanding of Europe
- Being theologians and investigating what it is like for someone to follow God
- Being computer scientists and developing our programming skills

We will continue to share information sheets regarding each topic area via our class webpage (www.amberleyschool.co.uk/friesians), which is updated each week, and the school blog, which also has downloadable copies of spelling homework and links to weekly maths practise. There is a new downloadable page of links to online maths games on the class page that you may wish to take a look at.

Outdoor Learning and PE kits

PE will continue to take place on Thursdays and Fridays. On **Fridays**, especially whilst the weather is a little less favourable, it is particularly important that children bring in a completely separate change of clothes and shoes for the two different sessions in case they get wet or dirty during outdoor learning.

Homework and Reading

Thank you all for your efforts in encouraging regular reading, times tables and spelling work at home.

The little and often approach definitely helps with fluency in each of these areas, and we are finding that those that use the Lietner technique for spellings retain them better for independent writing (and not just for the test!).

Whilst we are asking that Year 4 children practise their times tables online each week (as often as possible), we would love it if Year 3 also used the links to develop their recall.

Magazines

Our work as artists this term involves the use of collage and we would be very grateful if you have any old magazines, post cards etc at home that you would be willing to send in for us to cut up, please! They can be brought in any time during the first two weeks as we won't need them until week 3.

We are, as ever, grateful for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Crampton and Mrs J Harbord