

# Newsletter



Chellaston Infant & Junior Schools

Summer 1

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and were able to enjoy some sunshine! It is hard to believe we are at the summer term already.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this half term, including a Eurovision themed performance to which you are all invited. We can't wait to entertain you!

## Writing

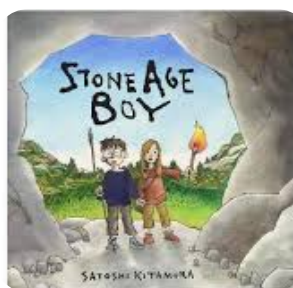
This half term, we will use *The Last Garden* by Rachel Ip to re-tell a story and write setting descriptions as well as writing a Europe fact file inspired by our Eurovision theme. The text will help develop empathy skills and the fact file will develop skills of writing for different purposes.

## Mathematics

In Maths we will develop our skills in calculating mass and capacity before moving on to consolidating and extending our knowledge of fractions and money.

## Reading

In reading we will be focusing on various texts including *Stone Age Boy* and *Tom's Midnight Garden*. We will focus on reading fluently, working out word meaning and comprehension skills.



## Wider Curriculum

Our theme for Summer is 'Eurovision'.

In Geography, we will be learning about our local area, building up to finding out about other countries in the world and comparing them to where we live.

In Science, we will be learning about forces and magnets.

In Art, we will be focusing on the features of impressionism and learning about the artist Alfred Sisley before creating our own artwork incorporating the features of this style of painting.

### PE Days

Indoor PE will be Drumba (Wednesdays 3BK and Thursdays 3C/3SP). Outdoor PE will be Sports day practise (Wednesdays 3C/3SP and Thursdays 3BK). Please ensure children have the correct PE kit in school.

## Important Dates

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank holiday (school closed)
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Eurovision performances 2pm and 2.45pm
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Sports Day
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Break up for half term

# Optional Homework

## Maths

Any practise on column addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers, crossing 10 and 100, would really help consolidate the children's knowledge in this area. BBC Bitesize offers guidance on the calculations.

TTRS for 10 minutes, 3 or 4 times a week would be also really useful. Having a secure times table knowledge is really helpful when it comes to the work we complete in class.

## Spellings

Please choose words that follow the rules below and practise these with your child:

- Homophones (plane/plain, meat/meet, heard/herd, their/there/they're)
- Words with -sure and -sion (such as treasure, measure, decision, vision)
- Words where -ed is added to the root word (jumped, dropped, changed)

## Reading

Let's focus on retrieval! When reading with your child, pause at points to ask some retrieval questions, examples below:

- Find the... in this text.
- When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.
- Which part of the story best describes the setting? Where did you find that information?
- What is happening .....?
- Who does .....?

## Wider Curriculum

### Geography:

- Create a fact file of a European country.
- Plan a European holiday—how would you get there and what could you see there?

### Science

- Investigate which types of objects around your home are magnetic

### Art

- Research different impressionist painters
- Create a piece of artwork in the style of your chosen impressionist artist

## Additional events/messages

Letters have been sent out this week inviting you to a Eurovision performance on 18<sup>th</sup> May. There will be two performances: one at 2pm and another at 2.45pm. Please complete the slip attached to the letter to indicate how many tickets you require and which performance you would like to attend and return it to your child's teacher or the school office.

## Forest Schools

We are so lucky to have the opportunity to have our Forest School sessions with Mrs Haw each half term.

Unfortunately, British weather has been out in full force which has lead to it being very muddy in the outdoor learning area.

Please make sure you child has wellies or old trainers, socks and if possible a change of trousers for the sessions.

## Communication

If you would like to contact your child's teacher please email:

- 3BK@chellastonjuniors.org
- 3C@chellastonjuniors.org
- 3SP@chellastonjuniors.org

You will also find regular announcements and reminders on Dojo.