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Termly overview for parents of children in Eagle Class Term 5 / 6 summer 2009

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break. It is difficult to believe it is the summer term already. We have a busy two terms ahead with lots of exciting activities to look forward to. We have a whole school visit to Oliver in the first week of Term 5 (April 22nd) and book day in the second week, (April 28th). In the fourth week of the term we will be having our yearly assessment tests in reading comprehension, writing, spelling and mathematics. We hope that all the children will be well rested and keen to show their best learning during this week. In week five of term 5 we will be starting to hold auditions and encouraging the children to come up with creative ideas for our school production 'Jonah the Groaner'. In the final term we have a puzzle day, an open morning, our school production, an arts week, sports day and in the final week of Term 6, a sport 'Duathlon' day. Details of all these special events will follow.

Our topic this term is entitled 'Bits and Bones'. The topic has a science emphasis in the first term on electricity and circuits and in the second term life processes, our bodies and health. We will be linking this together with lots of healthy outdoor activities and science investigations. On the creative side we will be reading and writing stories, learning about plays and play scripts, singing, dancing and performing music for our school production. We will be inspired by the work of the Impressionist painters and continue to develop our own ideas for water and reflection art work over the two terms- culminating in our whole school art week. Further details of the exciting learning activities planned for the 'Bits and Bones' topic are on the attached topic web.

On our learning journey we are encouraging the children to use the '4 R's'- the skills of Resourcefulness, Resilience, Reciprocity and Reflection to become aware of these skills and their own particular skills and ways of learning. These are the learning skills we use as we explore our new topic and the many different learning experiences planned. The children are already familiar with these words and are starting to explain their learning experiences with them. We hope that the children will use the '4R's' to become confident life long learners.

July is also a time to review our learning targets and set new challenges and goals for ourselves. The teachers and children will review their learning together for the year and report back to parents. Many children have achieved their learning goals this year and have enjoyed being so much more involved in the target setting process. In the final weeks of the term we will meet our new teachers and classmates so that we can confidently look forward to the next year of learning at KSM.

Please could all children remember their water bottles so that they are able to drink frequently as the warmer weather approaches. Outdoor PE kits with training shoes will be needed all week please, as athletics lessons will take place on Mondays or Thursdays and tennis coaching will take place on Fridays. We would like to remind parents that homework is given out on Thursdays and needs to be returned on Monday.

We welcome adult support in class. If you have any spare moments please think of spending them with us - you will be most welcome, working with groups for all subjects. (Please remember that all adults must have police clearance - forms are available from the School Office).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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