



SHEREDES PRIMARY SCHOOL

NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Benford Road, Hoddesdon, Herts. EN11 8LL

Tel: 01992 465154 Fax: 01992 464151 e-mail: head@sheredesprimary.herts.sch.uk

Headteacher ~ Mary Childs B.A. (Hons.) M.A. Ed.

25th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to the new term.

Thank you all so much for supporting our Easter Bake. All your donations were really appreciated and as a result £615.90 was raised. This will be used towards paying for the activities we have planned for our Arts and Sports Week, which will run from the 10th until the 14th June.

May we kindly remind you to keep your children with you, after handover from our staff, for safety reasons. May we also respectfully remind you not to drive on the premises to drop off or pick up your children, due to safety reasons. Do park safely and well away from the school. Those who require disabled parking or special consideration (for example a pupil who has a leg in plaster) can ring Mrs. Delahunty, the school secretary, to make suitable arrangements. We do have a disabled parking bay on site.

Dates for your diary

Specific details of events to follow, where appropriate

April 29th FOSS Meeting 8:00pm

May

3rd 9.15am Year 6 Sex Education meeting Dining Room
7th Clubs start *unless otherwise stated. Please see club list.*
8th 3.45pm Year 6 School Journey meeting Lower Hall
13th – 17th Key Stage 2 SATs week (Y6); please make sure all children are in school
21st 7.30pm Governing Body Meeting
22nd Year 5 school trip to France
24th am School Fitness Challenge, Reception to Year 6; reserve date 19th June
FOSS Quiz Night

27th – 31st May HALF TERM

June

3rd – 7th Year 6 PGL School Journey to Wiltshire
5th **New to Reception meeting for parents**
7th **New to Nursery meeting for parents**
10th – 14th Y1 phonics screening check
15th FOSS Summer Fete
10th – 14th Arts and Sports Week – more details to follow
13th Year 5 involved in Opera Anywhere's performance of 'Pirates of Penzance'
Our school is acting as host school for the day.

July

2nd am Sports Day; reserve date 17th July
5th Annual School Reports to go home
5th **Nursery Sports Day; reserve date 12th July**

8 th , 9 th , 10 th	Key Stage 2 Summer Production
9 th	7.30pm Governing Body Meeting
9 th , 10 th	4.00 – 5.30 Discussion Evenings – school reports
11 th	Meet Your New Teacher Morning, 9:30 – 11.45
15 th	Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00
19 th	END OF TERM

Class Assemblies

Key Stage 2 at 10.30am in the Lower Hall and Key Stage 1 at 11.45am in the Upper Hall, unless otherwise stated. If you are free, do come along and join your child's class.

May	2 nd	Class SBa
	9 th	Class JR Class MA
	16 th May	Class AP
	23 rd May	Class EMa Class KB
June	6 th	Class SR, Class CN
	Year 6 School Journey Assembly	Wednesday 26 th 2:30pm Upper Hall.
	20 th	Class NL Class JS
July	18 th	Class LMa Class LA

Class studies ~ here are of some of the topics that the children will be studying over the term.

The Nursery

Children are studying the topics of **Minibeasts and Living Things, and People who help us.** Do see the leaflets.

Classes CN, KB

In science children will be finding out about **Minibeasts** and **how to care for living things**. Their literacy studies will include **rhyming songs, such as Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf, Wiggly Worm, poetry by Brian Moses and stories by Eric Carle, in particular The Hungry Caterpillar.** They will be investigating the school grounds in geography, describing features they see, and in PSED they will be exploring how we can look after our environment. **Their studies will be supported by a trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens which will focus on exploring insect habitats.** In religious education they will be exploring special books important to religions and thinking about people who help us. In art, children will be studying the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh, in particular his depiction of sunflowers, and in design and technology they will be making 3D model using a variety of media. In music they will accompanying new songs with movements and instruments. In Computing they will be developing their directional and keyboard skills, using the 2 simple program.

Classes MA, AP

In science children will be studying **plants**. Through this unit children learn about plants as living things which grow and change. They will become aware of similarities and differences in plants, as they learn the names and structures of a variety of plants. In history and geography children will be learning about the seaside. Their studies will include learning about the history of seaside holidays and learning about the geographical features of seaside locations. **On the 24th June a workshop focusing on experiences from seaside holidays of the past** will help to enrich their studies. Their English studies will include the **poems of Michael Rosen**. In Computing children will be using computer programmes for representing data and for data handling. They will also use data logging devices to explore environmental conditions, linking this with their science topic. In art children will be investigating sculpture. They will look at the work of Henry Moore and Andy Goldsworthy and make their own sculptures using a variety of materials. In design technology children will develop an understanding of simple mechanisms through designing and making moving pictures. In religious education they will learn how signs and symbols are used to represent our ideas and groups that we belong to, and the importance of the religious symbols. In music the children will be looking at how music and sound can communicate meaning and information through a topic that looks at everyday sounds, sounds from nature and instrumental pieces. The children will also learn to explore and identify pitch. In P.E. children will be improving their coordination skills through playing different games and creating a dance with expressive movements.

Classes JS, LA

In science children will be exploring **living things and their habitats**. A trip to **Rye Meads Nature Reserve on the 4th July** will reinforce their learning. In geography children will be locating and exploring the holiday destinations of Barnaby Bear; this will include localities in France, Netherlands, Norway, Australia and Sri Lanka. In Computing they will compare digital and non-digital sources of information to help their geographical research. The children's poetry studies will focus on the **poems of Allan Ahlberg**. In art they will develop their drawing, painting and sculpture work, based on their studies of patterns in buildings. In design and technology children will be using textiles to make puppets. In religious education they will be exploring fundamental questions and the way different religions answer these. In music children will explore rhythm, timbre and dynamics, in the context of music around the world. In P.E. children will be improving their games skills, and creating a dance.

Classes NL, LMa

In science children are exploring **plants, and light and shadows**. In history children will be studying the **Ancient Egyptian civilisation**. A visit by **History Off The Page on the 17th June**, focusing on life in Ancient Egypt, will enrich their studies. In art children will be investigating portraits, with links made to their studies of Ancient Egypt. Their Computing work will focus on online safety and the effective use of the worldwide web, making particular links with their history topic. Children's English studies will include the **poetry of Michael Rosen**. In P.E. children will be developing their skills in athletics, rounders, and outdoor and adventurous activities. In music children will continue to learn to play a stringed instrument and in design and technology they will be designing and making photograph frames. In PSHE&C children will be developing their understanding of rules and customs, and of making amends and managing emotions. In RE they are continuing their study of Christianity and Sikhism.

Classes EMa, JS

In science children will be studying the **plants and animals that live in two contrasting habitats** in our school grounds, the pond and wood, examining how they are suited to their environment. A visit to **Colchester Zoo on the 5th June** will enrich their studies. In geography they will compare our locality, Hoddesdon, with a distant economically developing locality, **Moshi in Tanzania**. In art children will be investigating African pattern and fabric printing. Their design and technology focus will be on making money pouches, linking to their geographical topic. Children's English studies will include a focus on the **poetry of Charles Causley**. They will be continuing their study of Christianity and Islam in religious education. In Computing children will be learning to create their own database to analyse scientific data. In music, children will continue their learning to play a stringed instrument and in P.E. they will be developing their skills in athletics, and outdoor and adventurous activities.

Classes SBa, JR

In science, children will be studying **the life cycle of animals, including humans**. They will also study **the different habitats of animals**. In history children will be learning about the **Ancient Mesoamerican civilisation: the Mayans**, and in geography children will be studying **Mesoamerica**. Their English studies will include the Caribbean **poetry of John Agard, Grace Nichols, James Berry and Valerie Bloom**. Children will also be **introduced to Gilbert and Sullivan's opera 'The Pirates of Penzance'** which will act as an inspiration for their writing. The project will culminate in Sheredes Primary acting as host school to Opera Anywhere performing **The Pirates of Penzance** on the 13th June. In music, children will continue to study Gustav Holst's 'The Planets' and learn about music technology. In Computing children will be creating soundscapes using Audacity software, with particular links to their geography and music studies. In art children will be using clay to create Mayan artefacts. In design and technology children will be learning how to make Mayan tortilla bread. They will continue with their studies in religious education on Christianity and Judaism. To enrich their learning in French, children **will be visiting France for a day trip on 22nd May**.

Classes LM, NM

Children will be studying **animals, including humans**, and this will include the human life cycle. In the second half of the term, children's English studies will include the **poetry of William Blake and William Wordsworth**. In geography they will be carrying out class and individual studies on the European Union and researching **different localities**, explaining the physical and human features of the

localities, and how they compare to our locality. They will be continuing their studies on Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism in religious education. Children's Computing studies will include planning, filming and editing movie trailers and looking at how animations are created, drawing on different genres. In art they will be focusing on still life painting. In music they will be identifying metre and rhythm and performing independent parts keeping a steady pulse. To complement their physical education studies, children **will be enjoying a PGL week in Liddington, Wiltshire.**

A trip to the **Houses of Parliament is planned for 17th June** to support their citizenship studies.

On behalf of my staff, I wish all of you a very happy Summer term.

Yours sincerely

Mary Childs
Headteacher