

The Yellow Room

Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to spring term in the Yellow Room. I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and relaxing holiday, and the children are ready for a busy and exciting term. It starts with a fantastic trip to the Museum of London on the 30th of January – getting us ‘fired up’ for our first history topic! At the end of the term we will finish with a bang by doing some exciting experiments for Science Week.

History

Spring 1 Great Fire of London

We will be studying how events evolved during the Great Fire of London. This will link with our literacy work as we will be looking at Samuel Pepys famous diary and then writing our own diaries and reports.

Spring 2 Pirates

The Yellow Room will spend a day in full pirate costume (details to come out later), to really get into character for this exciting topic. We will be looking at famous pirates from history, in particular, Blackbeard and Grace O’Malley.

Science

Spring 1 – Materials

The children will be exploring a variety of different materials and exploring their properties. This will involve some exciting experiments looking at heat and water resistance.

Spring 2 – Plants and Growth

We will learn about naming the different parts of plants. This will also involve some hands on learning as we will grow our own plants and investigate the plants and growth we can find in our garden!

Geography

Spring 1 - London

In geography we will be learning all about London. This will cover the famous landmarks, transport systems and the wonderful buildings in our city. We will be exploring our local area and learning how to use maps – both underground and over ground!

Spring 2 – Islands

Linking in with our pirates theme, we will be looking at islands from all over the world. We will learn about map symbols and how to use compass points for directions.

Other information about the Yellow Room:

- Our spelling test takes place every Friday morning (starting on 13th January). You will receive your children’s spelling book containing their results every Friday. Please make sure they are back in their folders on Monday.
- **Swimming is every Wednesday.** Please ensure your child has goggles and a swimming hat.
- **Please note that the register is done at 8:50am** in the Yellow Room on swimming and P.E. days. If your child is not in on time then they will miss out on these lessons.
- The children can borrow a library book and this is changed fortnightly on Friday. We really appreciate all the effort that you put in to finding old library books and returning current books on time. It makes library time a more worthwhile and enjoyable experience for the children.
- A label in the homework diary will inform you of when it is your child’s turn to bring something in to show to the class for Show and Tell.

As always, please keep us updated of any news, questions, appointments or worries in the homework diaries.

Thank you for your continued support,

Julia and Catherine