



Spring Term 2016

Friday 11th March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of Health Week taking place 11th-15th April, the children will be learning about keeping themselves healthy and fit in a range of ways. The children will be working with different members of our teaching staff in the afternoons to learn about road safety with Miss Marrison, drugs education (e.g. knowing about keeping safe around medicines) with Mrs Coulthard, anti-bullying with Miss Vickers, internet safety with Miss Gregory and healthy lifestyles with Mrs Taggart.

In the mornings, they will stay with their class teachers to carry out a range of activities, including producing artwork for a new cross in the hall to replace our current mosaic cross.

Throughout the week during the mornings, the children will be learning about Sex and Relationships. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from this so if you do not wish them to be included, please let their class teacher know by Monday 21st March and they will be given supervised alternative work elsewhere during those sessions. The Sex and Relationships Education curriculum we are covering will be as follows:

Robins Class:

To know that we grow and change and that our birthdays are celebrating the day we were born.

To know how baby animals change as they grow

To know how babies/children change as they grow

To know how to help others and to be a good friend

Barn Owls Class:

To know animals produce young, including a film where a cat gives birth

To know the importance of privacy and keeping themselves safe in different situations

To know there are many similarities and differences between people

Nightingales Class:

To know the difference between males and females, including the correct vocabulary for body parts

To know the main stages in the human life cycle including how babies are made

To know the basics of how a baby develops and is born, e.g. scans

To discuss inherited / acquired features and mannerisms

Red Kites Class:

To recap on topics being covered with younger classes

To discuss coping with change, linked to growing up and begin to know some of the changes that will happen during puberty, why they happen and how we manage them

To know why we are all special

Year Fives pupils will also have a session with Sophie Guyatt, our School Nurse on Puberty. If you have any questions about any aspect of Health Week, please ask.

Katherine Towns

Head

Week beginning Monday 14th March

Day	During School	After School
Monday 14 th March	Barn Owls to KidLit Festival Strings lessons	Arts and Craft club Cheerleading club
Tuesday 15 th March	NO Running Club Robins to KidLit Festival Year Fives to Human Utopia at Prince William School	NO Netball club
Wednesday 16 th March	8.15 a.m. Nightingales to Aylmerton accompanied by Miss Marrison and Mrs Towns Brass lessons Recorder lessons Gardening club	Football club
Thursday 17 th March	Nightingales in Aylmerton Red Kites to KidLit Festival Robins/Barn Owls to Rockingham Castle	Dance club
Friday 18 th March	Sports Relief - Wear sports clothes for a donation. Bring 5 pence pieces to make a giant sports picture Woodwind lessons French Club Robins to Forest School 6.30 p.m. Nightingales return from Aylmerton	Rugby club

Week beginning Monday 21st March No CLUBS

Day	During School	After School
Monday 21 st March	Golf Coaching for Red Kites Strings lessons Robins to St. Leonard's Church for a baptism service	
Tuesday 22 nd March	Easter Egg Hunt organised by FOGS	4 p.m. Y4/5 Netball Competition at Oundle Primary School
Wednesday 23 rd March	Robins and Barn Owls Assembly - parents welcome (FOGS run crèche available) END OF TERM	FOGS Stay and Play and Bake Sale

Message from Sports Crew - Sport Relief - Friday 18th March 2016

Next Friday is Sport Relief. Sports Crew would like to invite you to come to school dressed in your favourite sports kit for a donation. We would also like everyone to bring a 5p coin to assembly and we will use these to create a sports related picture in the hall.

Dates for the Term

14th - 18th March KidLit Festival - Classes to visit Oundle School to hear authors:

Monday 14th March, 10.30 a.m. - Barn Owls to meet Holly Webb

Tuesday 15th March, 1.30 p.m. - Robins to meet Smriti Prasadam-Halls

Thursday 17th March, 10.30 a.m. - Red Kites to meet Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve

These visits will take place during the school day and no packed lunch/special arrangements are required.

Tuesday 15th March - Year Fives to Prince William School for Human Utopia

Packed lunch required. Y5 pupils should be at PWS by 9.30 a.m. and should be collected at 2.30 p.m. They do not need to come into school at the beginning or end of the day.

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th March - Nightingales Trip to Aylmerton with Polebrook School, accompanied by Mrs Towns and Miss Marrison.

Thursday 17th March - Robins and Barn Owls Trip to Rockingham Castle

Friday 18th March - Sports Relief - Wear Sports kit for the donation for a donation towards Sports Relief. Bring in 5 pence coins to help make a giant sports picture in the hall.

Wednesday 23rd March - Robins and Barn Owls assembly - Parents Welcome

Thursday 24th March - Friday 8th April - Easter Holiday - School Closed.

School reopens on Monday 11th April.

Monday 11th - Friday 15th April - Health Week

Parent Evenings - Tuesday 19th April, 5 p.m.- 7.30 p.m., Wednesday 20th April, 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Global Links

As a school, we have links with Sierra Leone and the children have looked at some of the similarities and differences between their life and life for different children in Sierra Leone in assemblies. We did have some links to a school in Sierra Leone but the Ebola crisis and very poor internet in the rural parts of Sierra Leone have made it very difficult to keep these links. In the past, we have had links that have enabled the children to have 'pen-pals' and exchange letters which helped particularly the older children to understand there is a lot more to Africa as a continent than some of the images shown in the news. Amongst other things, some of the children were able to discover a shared love of football and playstation!

The children learn about different countries as part of their topic work, e.g., last year's topic on 'Around the World in Fifty Days' for Years Three and Four, and it would be great to make these learning experiences more real (although we do already benefit from Phileas Fogg sending back regular postcards from his continued travels around the world!). If anyone has any links to schools globally that they think would provide good opportunities for our pupils to learn more about our world, please speak to Miss Vickers or Mrs Towns.