

UPPER II LENT TERM

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

As we start the New Year, we are pleased to inform you of all the fabulous things they will be getting up to this term! We will be going on a visit to the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour and "Pupil Voice" workshop on Wednesday, 27th January. We are very excited that our residential visit to La Cote d'Opale in France has now been confirmed and will take place between Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th March.

This term we warmly welcome our new girl Ana Suarez in UII A class. We know that she will make many new friends and settle into St Augustine's really well!

RE

This term we will be covering the topics, Jesus, the Bread of Life and Jesus, Son of God. We start by examining the Biblical tale of the Moses and the Passover. From there we will consider how this event is commemorated today in the Jewish festival. The aim here is to draw the link between the Passover and the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist which is based upon Jesus' own Passover celebration in the Last Supper. By looking at the liturgical practice of the Mass we will gain a deeper appreciation of Easter as we move towards this most holy season.



English



In English we will continue with our Literature study of short stories in "Fantastic Funny Frightening". When studying the text closely, the girls will look at the authors' use of language and devices and how they affect the reader's view of events. This term will also focus on extended pieces of writing which will be a weekly target. Girls will be working on stretching their writing skills as well as perfecting their accuracy with grammar and punctuation. We will pay particular attention to writing for different purposes this term, as well and how students are incorporating all their skills in English to bring them together for effective writing.

In Poetry this term, the girls will explore free verse poems, focusing in depth on the work of two poets. After studying poets' use of imagery, Upper II will write poems based on a model and present a free verse poem in letter form.

Finally, will be covering a wonderful non-fiction topic researching the eruption of Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii. As they go back in time, will they be able to establish convincing arguments to persuade the residents of Pompeii to believe them about their impending fate? Will they be rescued and turn back time?

We expect Upper II to continue to enjoy the challenge of reading a wide range of authors and genres listed on the VLE and school website.

Maths

Amongst the vast array of topics being covered this term are:-

- Long multiplication and division
- Equivalent fractions and decimals
- 2D shapes and angles
- Identifying factors, multiples and prime numbers

- Decimal numbers and calculating change
- Calculating averages
- Reading line graphs and pie charts
- Reading coordinates and translating shapes
- Decimal multiplication
- Describing functions and number sequences
- Identifying ratios



Science

The topic this half-term is *Classifying Living Things*. The girls will learn how to classify living things using the major classification kingdoms defined by Carl Linnaeus. They will identify and describe the observable characteristics of a range of classification groups including micro-organisms, plants and animals. They will be constructing classification keys of increasing complexity. Working Scientifically, the girls will be carrying out investigations to observe how moulds grow over time.



The topic next half-term is *Changing Circuits*. In this unit the girls will work towards answering the Quest question, 'How can we fix a broken score board?' They will recognise and use accepted scientific symbols in circuit diagrams. They will learn that altering the brightness of bulbs and the volume of a buzzer can be achieved in different ways, including changing the number of components, battery voltage, or the properties of the wires in the circuits.

Astronomy

In Astronomy this term we will be covering 'The Solar System and Beyond'. We will be learning about the different objects that make up our solar system, look at ways of modelling the solar system, and then look at what can be found outside of our solar system - black holes, neutrons stars and white dwarfs, and how they all link with stars.



Music



Upper 2 will be working on the songs for the Upper II show which will be take place very near the beginning of the Summer Term. An ambitious choice, Annie Junior has created quite a buzz. The songs are very catchy and the girls have started learning them with gusto.

Geography

In Geography this term we are starting the exciting topic 'Why Does The Earth Rumble'. We will be investigating the earth's tectonic plates, seismic activity, explosions and eruptions on a local, national and global level. The topic will cover the exploration of the physical land forms and their creation, along with understanding how human interactions with them, can sometimes lead to devastating effects. We will end the term with creating our very own classroom rumble, more information to follow!



History



During the Lent Term, we will commence our study of the effects of World War II on London and Ealing.

Initially we will look at who was involved in the war and then turn our attention to aspects of the Home Front, such as rationing, evacuation and the Blitz.

Spanish

We will start this term by making board games consolidating all the learning from last term. After this we will see who can remember their Spanish vocabulary from last year's Spelling Bee.



We will also spend some time talking about where we go on holiday, and what we like to do there. We will then progress on to looking at Ealing, and London in general, looking at what there is to do.

French

This term Upper II are learning about clothes and accessories, focusing on colours, shapes and patterns. The girls will share their opinions, identifying which clothes one wears depending on the occasion. This is a part of the 'Uniform Project', which entails the girls creating a school uniform which they will produce and present to the whole year. Prizes are up for grabs, so get creative!



Then we will start the topic "In Town". The girls will learn how to name the different places in, as well as identify what you can do in a town. The girls will explore their opinions and create their town's brochure at the end of the unit.

PE

Upper II will continue to stretch their knowledge and physical ability in PE through Netball, Dance, Football and Lacrosse this term. They will be developing game awareness and tactics, as well as working towards pieces for the Junior



Dance Showcase in March. Throughout the term, there are also Upper II fixtures in which all the girls will get involved. These will teach the girls about competition and allow them to embed all the skills that they have learnt in lessons.

Drama

In Drama Upper II will be rehearsing their version of the well-known musical Annie Junior, which they perform in May. We will begin by choreographing the dances for the big numbers this half term, and developing characterisation and staging. We are all extremely excited and can't wait to begin!



ART

In Art we are going to embark on our new topic of 'Pop Art Design and Sculpture (3D)'. The girls will develop their skills in model making and craft using 3D design, construction and textiles. They will also build their knowledge of contemporary artists such as Nikki Williams, Andy Warhol and Claes Oldenburg. By the end of this unit the girls will have produced their own felt cushion using hand embroidery and construction techniques in the style of Claes Oldenburg and Nikki Williams. They will also be using paper Mache to create a 3 dimensional model in the style of Claes Oldenburg that they will paint using acrylic paint. So watch this space...



Key Dates

Wednesday 27th January	Upper II trip - Houses of Parliament
Monday 1 st - Friday 5 th February	Charities Week
Thursday 4 th February	Music Festival
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th February	E-Safety Week
Wednesday 10 th February	Ash Wednesday
Friday 12 th February	School Feast Day: 11:30- School Mass Ealing Abbey 12:30- End of school day (dismissal from Ealing Abbey
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Healthy Schools Week
Friday 26 th February	Upper II Lamda Showcase
Tuesday 1 st March	Soloists Showcase
Wednesday 2 nd March	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral
Wednesday 2 nd March	"Parlez-vous Francais" French Play
Monday 7 th March	Rehearsals for Junior Dance Show

Wednesday 9 th - Friday 11 th March	La Cote d'Opale - French Residential
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th March	Junior Science Week
Wednesday 16 th March	Junior Dance Showcase
Tuesday 22 nd March	Spring Concert
Wednesday 23 rd March	12:00 pm - End of Term
Tuesday 12 th April	Summer Term begins

Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any issues regarding your daughter. You can write a note in your daughter's homework diary or via email on:

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Yours sincerely,

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