

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you have had a lovely time over the break and that you are looking forward to the summer term. The children seem to have settled back into class well, are happy and keen to learn (as well as play with their friends).

Reading:

Reading is a vital skill, which is best developed when parents and school work together. Children need many opportunities to talk about what they have read. You can help your child by making sure that you spend some time reading with them every night and talking about their book (e.g. events, characters, making predictions) and that they have their reading book in school every day. Every time that they read to you, **if you make a comment (or sign)** in their reading record, they will earn **stars for their bookmark** (if they read at least **4** times in a week) children will be given a sticker if they have done so. Reading books can be changed on Mondays and Fridays. There is a box in the classroom for children to place books, which they have read at home. The books will be placed in quarantine for 72 hours before going back into circulation. As we are trying to build up reading stamina, having at least one extended reading session a week would be very beneficial. Thank you for your continued support.

Children will be given opportunities to read every day in school and will be encouraged to try a variety of different text types. In Year 3, most teaching of reading takes place through adult-led group or whole class reading sessions.

English:

Some of our class reading and writing this term will be based on, 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl; we will read this as a class novel linking work when possible. We will also work on SPaG, Poetry, Biographies, Fairy tales and Authors.

P.E.:

The children will have a P.E. lesson every Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon. They will need to bring a full kit with them including clothes suitable for outdoor lessons (also trainers), as weather permitting we will be outside whenever possible. Please can children ensure that jewellery is removed, and long hair tied back.

Science:

This term's topics will be 'Plants'

Maths:

Maths topic areas this term will be taught in the following order:

Fractions, measurement-time, geometry-properties of shapes, number- addition and subtraction (column method), measurement- mass and capacity. The children will all stay together for CLIC to develop rapid recall of number facts, times tables and calculation skills.

Homework:

Homework books will be sent home on Fridays. Homework tasks will be sent home each Friday and will need to be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Spellings will be given out every week and these will focus on a mix of spelling patterns and high frequency words. Spellings should be copied out twice into their homework books to hand in on a Wednesday but they should keep their sheets for further practise for the test on a Friday.

In addition to spellings they will either receive either, a maths homework (to consolidate their learning) or Literacy (SPaG) based homework, there will also be regular times tables tests, approximately once every two weeks. Please make sure that your child records any homework task in pencil - not pen.

Some homework maybe an online task this could be Spag.com, Edshed, Times tables rock stars or research for topic work, etc.

Please find topic web attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or queries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Morgan