

Happy New Year!



5th January 2018

Dear Class 2 parents/guardians,

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break. This Spring term promises to be very busy and exciting. I hope that you find the following information useful for supporting your child's learning at home.

What's coming up?

Our topic is *The Great Fire of London!* As well as learning about the historical event, we will study the diary of Samuel Pepys in English, design and make model Tudor houses and investigate materials in Science. Please take a look at the topic web on the website to find out more...

Wild Woodland Learning

There will be no Wild Woodland Learning this half term. It will resume for Class 2 after the half term break.



PE

The children will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They will need to have PE kit and a water bottle in school at all times. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.



Reading ~ please continue to send in book bags daily.

The routines for book changes remain the same as the Autumn term. Mrs Gibbs will check and change books on a Tuesday and Friday provided you have initialed / commented in the reading record book. We assess their reading each half term and children will start using Accelerated Reader once they have passed the first online test.

For those that are already using Accelerated Reader, the children have been re-tested and book ranges adjusted accordingly. They will continue to choose one book at a time to read at home and will complete quizzes and change their own book in the school library.

Keyword spellings

Year 1s will continue to be sent key word cards to practice reading/ spelling at home. These are checked weekly by Miss Kearle.

Year 2s will be given spellings to learn from a sheet given each Monday, tested on the following Monday. Please try to find a few short opportunities during the week to practice these rather than all in one go! The spelling patterns are far more likely to become embedded this way.

Maths homework

On Mondays I will set Maths homework (on paper) that links with what we are learning in class that week. This is to be completed during a little bit of quiet time, with some grown up support please! Just a reminder that there are also lots of great online Maths games for Key Stage 1 on these websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/>

<http://mathszone.co.uk/>

<https://nrich.maths.org/>



Show and Tell

Show and Tell will take place on a Monday afternoon. Look out for a new timetable on the classroom window for when it is your child's slot. I'm hoping this will make it a bit more manageable! We love to hear about achievements out of school (e.g. in clubs), things related to topics we are covering, or special events such as holidays or birthdays.

I hope all this information is helpful. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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