

Red Class Newsletter

Spring Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back; we hope you have had a wonderful and refreshing break. We have another exciting term of activities planned, with new learning challenges in all curriculum areas. We can't wait to get started!!

Once again we have a very busy term ahead of us. We ask once again that you encourage your child to be punctual and organised for lessons, by having reading books, homework and a P.E. kit in school on the appropriate days.

Overall, perhaps the single most important aspect of this year is children's increasing independence and confidence in what they can achieve at school. Your child will be encouraged to start to think about their own learning. They need to make decisions on how to present work, how and when to complete homework and also how to learn best.

Children often ask questions and their teacher will encourage them think for themselves too: Could they answer the question themselves? Can they make that choice? If they can, then they are learning skills which are vital for Year 5, Year 6 and adult life. That is how their learning changes from the beginning to the end of the year!

Mr Jowett

Reminders

PE - Tuesday
Sport - Friday
Music - Friday

Both reading books and planners should be brought into school every day. Planners will be checked for messages from parent/guardians, and we may write our own.

I do like the children to have a sports kit in school throughout the week, so we can take part in impromptu sports, if the weather and timetable allow for it! In addition, with a focus on health and wellbeing, we will be taking to the outdoors, walking at least a mile every week, so it is important that the children do bring a coat to school.

Areas of Study

These are all the subjects and topics your child will be covering this term.

Literacy: Writing around picture books; the secret of black rock.

Numeracy: Multiplication and division, shape and space, place value, addition and subtraction, time and measurement.

Topic: Geography - Extreme Earth

Science: Living Things and Habitats and Healthy Living.

RE/PSHE - Belonging, Symbols of Christianity, Judaism, Islam and plus understanding individuals and their strengths.

PE: Gym, Dodgeball and multi-sports with the Sports Coaches.

Homework

It is essential that you read regularly with your child at home. Please help your child to learn their focus spelling rules and the spelling words. Occasionally, additional English, Maths or Topic work may also be attached to practise and revisit recent skills taught in class.

Every now and again, I do like to set the children little impromptu tasks. These are often research based and may simply have arisen from a random conversation that has taken place in class, so be prepared!