

4th January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term 2019

I hope you have had a super holiday and I wish everyone a Happy New Year! May I take this opportunity to thank so many of you for the generous gifts that your children gave me at the end of last term. I have been truly spoilt... now for the diet!

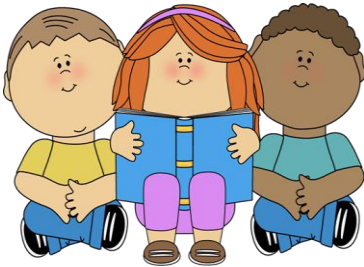
Everyone has come back to school with a new vigour for learning. This enthusiasm is quite contagious, and we are ready for a successful term. I am delighted that the children have worked hard on phonics and reading over the holidays. If your child is confident with the phonics chart you have, let me know and I can give you the next one. We can now really press on with fluent reading and comprehension.

Curriculum this term

Please refer to the curriculum map for an overview of the topics we are covering this term. Many of the areas are blended so that, for example, Art will be taught as part of our History topic.

Reading

The children have made great progress with their reading. Well done to those children who completed the Holiday Reading Challenge... house points all round! Please keep up the daily practice! Reading books will continue to be changed every day, except for those children reading longer books that make take a few days to complete. An adult should to sign the Reading Record each day so that I know the book has been read and if there are any difficulties. Please read other books as well: comics, picture books, chapter books, information books, newspapers and magazines.



Book Bags

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day regardless of whether the book has been read as they are needed throughout the day and often used for letters home.

Homework and Spellings

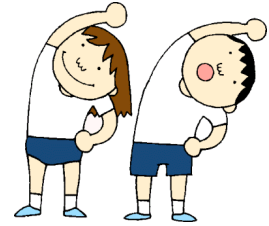
This term homework and spellings will be given out on Thursdays for a return the following Tuesday. (I will mark books on Tuesdays, so any brought back later will not get marked). Homework is designed to be straightforward and fun. The aim is to support the work being covered in class and will often involve games or research. Please support your child in this as much as possible without doing it for them and let

me know if any difficulties arise. Spelling books should be kept in book bags during the week so that your child can practise them. There will be a spelling test on Thursdays.

P.E. Kits

Our P.E. lessons are on Tuesdays. All children must have their own P.E. kit (shorts or track suit bottoms, T-shirt and plimsolls) kept in school. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings and other jewellery removed for health and safety reasons.

Please name every item of clothing



Parent and Staff Communication

Please continue to use the red communication books for any notes and messages. We do look at them every day but if there is anything very important please make sure your child tells either me, Mrs Swain or Mrs Ince as well. We must be informed if your child is going home with someone else on a particular day, unless it is a regular arrangement.

Finally, I must say that I am thoroughly enjoying teaching your children and look forward to seeing great strides ahead this term. They are a wonderful class and a real joy to teach. If you have any concerns at all that you would like to discuss, please feel welcome to come and see me.

Kind regards,

Miss Biss