



Welcome to Spring 2

Term 2b- Spring

by Mrs Bradwell

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a great half term.

I have included an outline of the curriculum for this half term for your child.

Homework

I continue to be really impressed with the standard of homework handed in this academic year, thank you!

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday, which will include spellings, reading and a maths activity linked to learning in school that week. Every Monday, the children will be tested on their weekly spellings, which can be found at the front of their homework book.

Reading books will continue to be sent home weekly and it would be very helpful to send books back on time so that your child can be issued a new book. **I really cannot stress the impact of regular reading at home as it supports your child's progression of reading and comprehension skills.**

Your child has the opportunity to read aloud with Mrs Dodd, once during the week and with myself during guided reading sessions so it is so important that you continue to provide opportunities to listen to your child read at home and engage in discussions about the texts they have read.

I would like to remind and encourage children to take an active role in their reading and make additional comments (to yours) in their diaries to reflect on the reading and progress they are making at home. I would really enjoy having an insight into what books they enjoy reading at home too.

Your child has a Times Table Rockstars login with an updated password. I have reminded the children to keep their passwords safe from others. It is really important they access this is at home and spend time learning their times tables to support their progress in

maths. **It is expected that by the end of Year 4 children can recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .**

Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths this term and there will be a big focus on fractions; Year 4 will be working with decimals. We will also be solving problems linked to measurement, time and statistics.

English

Over the term, we will be reading a selection of non – fiction books about the Egyptians. The children will use this information to support them writing a biography, instructions for mummification and a newspaper report. They will continue to develop their grammar and punctuation skills in SPAG lessons which will then be used in their writing. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be very imaginative in creating methods to help learn some of the vocabulary and rules for grammar and punctuation and the children are very enthusiastic about this - more information to follow. Each week your child will have the opportunity to read with me in a small guided reading group and will read a variety of genres and a range of fiction and non – fiction.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'Plants' and focusing on how they grow.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be a Monday and Friday. We will be focusing on invasion games and creating a dance with the theme machines. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their 'outdoor' school PE kit so that they are warm throughout the day. Please also make sure they are wearing sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied

back and all jewellery to be removed. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch.

Art

The children will be working with textiles this half term and will have the opportunity to create their own tie-dye t-shirt. I would be really grateful if children could bring in a plain white t-shirt in order to create their own design.

Geography

The children will be thinking about why we have cities and explore UK towns, cities and countries with a focus on settlement.

History

We will continue to discover why the Ancient Egyptians built pyramids and learn about early civilization.

Spanish

Miss Forth will be teaching Spanish again and this term will be focusing on parts of the body, personal pronouns and adjectives.

Class 3 are already working very hard and I am sure we will have a busy term as we lead up to Easter. I look forward to seeing you soon at parents evening but should you have any concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bradwell