



Monday 8th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all - I hope that you have had a great Christmas break.

Curriculum Overview Spring Term

Maths - Multiplication / Division / Fractions / Decimals and Percentages / Measure / Statistics

English - Persuasive Letters / Narratives / Poetry / Non-Chronological Reports / Balanced Arguments

English Texts - *Outlaw Michael Morpurgo* / *Black Powder Ally Sherrick* / *The Highwayman Alfred Noyes*

Science - Materials and their properties

RE - Salvation and Incarnation - Christianity

ART - Journey

DT - Cooking

This term in **History** we will be looking at Crime and Punishment over the last 1000 years, focusing on the legend of Robin Hood and Medieval England and taking a journey through the centuries to discover the evidence and changes to law and order. We hope that this gruesome adventure will be thrilling for the children.

Our **Geography** topic in the second half of the term will be Trade and Farming, exploring the trends of UK food and farming and investigating what farming looks like across the world.

TT Rockstar

Just a reminder of the importance of times-table knowledge - please encourage your child to log-on and rise up the Rockstar Ladder - just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference.

PE

Swimming this term on a Monday afternoon - please ensure swimming kits (including a swim hat) are labelled.

As the winter weather sets in, we will be having our PE sessions in the hall for the first half of the term. Please ensure a suitable indoor PE kit (plimsolls not trainers) is in school and **roll-on deodorant** is also a good idea from Year 5 onwards.

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon only due to swimming.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.



Homework

Most of the children are now in a good routine completing homework, with a maths activity set (usually on a Monday) which will be due in the following Monday. A worksheet will be handed out as well as a copy being uploaded to Seesaw - children can upload their work or hand it in to class. We are trying to cover all bases and ensure that everyone has access. There will also be extra tasks related to our topic to engage the children and grown-ups too!

Homework Honours Certificates are awarded to children who have completed a full-term's maths and reading homework, progressively leading to a Diamond Honours for a full year of homework.

Reading

Reading at home continues to be a focus and it is essential that children record their time reading in their reading diary. I have been impressed with the increased commitment and enjoyment the children are getting from reading and am very proud to see so many children achieving their target of reading 4 times per week at home. During Years 5 & 6, it is so important for children to read every day to consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.

Water Bottles.

Please can you send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

We value the role that all grown-ups play in education and hope that by working in partnership with you, we will be able to fully support your child's learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Hearn