



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a fantastic summer break! It has been a joy to see the children back in school.

This term our topic is 'Dynamic Dynasties': this project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties. We hope this will be fun and we have lots of exciting activities planned.

Homework

Each week there will be a maths activity set, normally on a Monday, which will be due in the following Monday. This won't be set for a couple of weeks to let the children settle back into school. There will also be tasks related to our topic to engage the children and grown-ups too!

With new curriculum expectations, it is vital that the children secure their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Regular practice at home is extremely important and the children will be tested weekly using a times tables challenge activity to assess their progress.

Reading

Reading at home is essential and as we are now using the GoRead app, we hope that this gives the children even more reason to enjoy reading for pleasure. During Upper Key Stage 2 children go through a critical transformation as readers. During KS1 & Lower KS2 children are taught to decode, recognise key sight words, comprehend simple texts, and read with some degree of fluency. During Years 5 & 6, it is still important for children to read every day, they must 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'.

Year 5 children are expected to **read at home 4 times per week as part of their weekly homework** – this should be at least 10 pages – the children should mark the pages read from / to on their GoRead account.

We are also continuing with our reading awards; children will need to read **5 times at home** each week to get their book signed and earn their rainbow reading awards.

PE

We are hoping the sunny weather will continue for this term, so we have planned for P.E. to be outside. Please ensure that your child has a PE Kit in school and is appropriate for the weather. A suitable **roll-on deodorant** is also a good idea from Year 5 onwards. **PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.**

A reminder that school PE kit should be worn, not football shirts/kits. Suitable footwear is also required for outdoor games. A change of footwear and suitable socks are very important as many of the lessons will be on the field. It is advisable to leave earrings and jewellery at home on swimming and P.E. days.

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

Curriculum Overview.

RE – Being Human (Hinduism)

Topic (Geography/History/ICT/ D&T/ Art)- Dynamic Dynasties

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 parents/carers 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