

AMAZON CLASS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018



Dear Parents,

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful Christmas period for all. I hope the children have enjoyed endless fun in the snow and have had a well deserved rest, ready for the exciting term ahead.

Topic

This term's topic is '**Healthy Eating**'. Linking with this, we shall be focusing on Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

Mr Wonka's incredulous chocolate factory is due to be shut down due to the extremely high sugar content in his products. Can we invent (in true Roald Dahl style) a healthy alternative to the Wonka Bar?*

We shall explore this fantastic book in great detail and I am hoping the children will thoroughly enjoy their mission as Mr Wonka's newly recruited inventors!

Also attached is a curriculum map with details of what is to be covered in each subject area.

Home Learning

This term we are sampling a new approach to home learning in the form of a Home Learning Menu as an alternative to paper copies of homework being given out weekly, which can sometimes become lost. Children will have stuck this Menu into their home learning diary this week. This details the homework children should complete throughout the term; however should this be unclear please do let me know. Children will also have this term's spelling lists in accordance with applicable spelling rules we are learning each week.

Readingopoly

I have been so pleased to see that there are lots of budding readers in Amazon class and many of the children are eagerly filling up their Readingopoly collector's cards and working their way around the board. Collector's cards are kept in our Readingopoly file here at school until they fill up one card, at which point your child will be able to bring this home before starting a new collector's card.

The prize tin has also been stocked up during the holidays so please do continue to read with your children at least 4 times per week. The children are regularly encouraged to ensure they have taken responsibility to change books they have completed. Please do let me know if you notice that your child is not doing so.

PE & Water bottles

We will have PE predominately on Thursday and Fridays. However, it really helps if PE Kit is in school all week, as sometimes we have to swap sessions. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear to allow them to fully take part. Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school as remaining hydrated is very important. **Please could all children bring gloves on a Friday for Lacrosse. Just normal wear gloves are ample.**

Pencil Cases

Several children have brought in their own personal pencil cases since September. Can we please ask that as much as possible of the contents of your child's pencil case is named. A sticky label with your child's initials would be ample. Several children have also been bringing permanent markers (Sharpies) to school. Whilst these may be exciting, when used they can often mark the desks, resulting in the cleaners having to persistently clean an area in order to remove. In order to avoid this, could we please ask that children avoid bringing permanent markers to school.

Parent Helpers

We currently have one wonderful regular parent helper in Amazon class and would love to have many more. If you are able to offer any help with reading, maths groups, art, DT and anything in between, whether this be a regular slot or simply just a one off offer of help, please do get in touch. Thank you.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening in February to discuss your child's progress. In the meantime, however, if you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Verity Thorne and Mrs Austin