

AMAZON CLASS NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2018



Dear Parents,

We've reached the summer term!

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful Easter break for all. We hope the children are ready and raring to go for what is going to be a busy, yet exciting term.

Term 5

Term 5's topic is '**Green Fingers**'. This is a science based topic, exploring plants and how they grow. The children will be getting hands on with planting and observing growth, whilst using nature to create artistic interpretations. The children will also be taking part in science with Mrs Weston during their Enrichment time on a Wednesday afternoon, which is always a rich, hands on experience.

This term our English focus shall be on mystery writing. As the children will likely know, Miss Thorne is very excited about this, being one of her favourite genres of writing! We shall be using The Mystery Shed, mystery texts and real life suspicious news to stimulate our writing.

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

Term 6

In Term 6, our topic shall be a Geography based topic, exploring the locality and beyond. We shall be linking our English with this, exploring stories from other cultures as well leaflets and brochures.

Home Learning

This term we shall continue with the home learning format used last term; a Homework Mat, in which the children should select an activity to complete each week. If children complete an activity in their home learning diary, we shall endeavour to ensure the children have their learning diaries returned to them on Wednesday in order to continue to record reading throughout the week. Children will also have spelling lists in accordance with applicable spelling rules we are learning each week.

Reading

The children are regularly encouraged to ensure they have taken responsibility to change books they have completed. As always, please do let us know if you notice that your child is not doing so. We are again on the lookout for any parents who would be willing to come in to school to listen to children read. The children very much enjoy reading to an adult; however it can often be difficult for class teachers to regularly listen to all children read on a one to one basis as a result of a busy KS2 timetable. Having parent helpers in to read is therefore an invaluable experience for the children and is hugely appreciated by class teachers. Please pop in and see us if you may be able to help- thank you!

PE & Water bottles

This term the children will be taking part in Cricket on a Monday and Squash on a Friday. We are very fortunate that both of these activities are being run by outside coaches who are experts in their sports. Children should have PE kits in school all week, as sometimes we may have to swap sessions. Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school as remaining hydrated is very important.

Sunscreen and sun hats- as the weather warms up, children should wear sunscreen to school and have a named hat.

Morning routines

Now the children are in KS2, it is important that we foster their independence when coming in to school in the morning, for example saying goodbye to adults on the gate and bringing in their own belongings to hang on their pegs. We have a very small cloakroom which can often become busy for the children and adding extra adults can add to this number. Should you need to speak to the class teacher on that morning, then please do come in where required. As always, should you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

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