

AMAZON CLASS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019



Dear Parents,

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful Christmas. We hope the children have had lots of fun and are ready for busy term of learning.

Topic

This term our topic is 'From Out of the Shadows', which focuses on sound, light and electricity. The topic will be predominantly linked to science so we plan to visit 'We the Curious' to support our learning. We will also be focusing on dragons, both in English and across other areas of the curriculum. This will hopefully spark a buzz around learning, producing some wonderful, high quality pieces of writing.

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

Home Learning

Home learning this term will continue in the same format as last term. The children will receive one piece of either English or maths homework every Wednesday which will be due in the following Wednesday. We found this worked well last term as we were able to consolidate the learning we had done in class and develop the children's comprehension. Alongside this the children are expected to practice their times tables on TT Rockstars. All children have their own log in which you will find stuck inside their home learning diary. The children know how to log on to this as we have been through this during school time. Should you have any issues with logging in, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. The children will also have spellings they are expected to practice at home, based on the spelling rules we are learning each week. Children will be tested on these every Thursday.

Readingopoly

This term we are going to relaunch the 'Readingopoly' scheme to help encourage the children to read at home. The children will fill up Readingopoly cards and work their way around the board. The children will get prizes when they fill up their cards 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. I hope you found the bookmarks I made at the end of last term useful when reading with your children. Asking them questions when they are reading will help to develop your child's comprehension skills.

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 at all times 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. Several children have also been bringing permanent markers (Sharpies) to school. Please leave these at home as they mark the desks.

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.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Alice Bubb and Yvonne Austin

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