

AMAZON CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year in Amazon class! We hope that you have had a relaxing summer holiday and are ready and raring to go! We will start off the term by getting to know each other through team building, sharing our summer experiences with one another and writing recounts about our holidays. If any parents would like to volunteer to listen to children read, then please let us know.

Topic

This autumn, our topics are '**Eureka!**' and '**Celebrate!**'. Amazon class will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks, discovering myths and legends and how people lived. In the second term, we will investigate different festivals and religions. Please let us know if you have any ideas, resources or would like to volunteer time in the classroom; you are always very welcome.

Home learning

Each child will have a red Home Learning/Reading book, which must be with them **every day** so that we can write in them when we read with your child. Please encourage the children to record when they read at home in these books, along with any thoughts they had about the book that they read or any words that they found challenging. Your child will have a **Spelling book** with spelling tests stuck in each week. This book must be in school on **Thursdays** for the spelling test. Children should practice their spellings in this book also. Children will also have a **Maths Skills booklet**. This must stay in book bags so that we can keep this record of their progress up to date. At the moment, we will not be sending home maths home learning task as we would like children use any maths home learning time focussing on the maths skills in their booklet, but if we review this, we will let you know.

It is essential that children practise core skills, such as reading and times tables, at home frequently so they can become secure in their understanding and then can apply this to other areas of learning. We really do appreciate all your support with home learning and if you require any extra information or support please let us know.

PE

We will have PE predominately on Tuesdays 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, especially in the winter as we go outside whatever the weather. Label everything! It is amazing what your child can misplace!

Pencil Cases

In Amazon class, children will be provided with stationary and resources, so they do not need to bring a pencil case to school.

Water bottle

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school as remaining hydrated is very important.

Amazon Class Blog

Amazon Class will be continuing their blog this year. If you have any suggestions for the blog, please let us know.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Kate South, Susan Todd, Yvonne Austin and Lisa Farmahan.