



Where every child counts

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Dear parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope you and your family had a fantastic time.

Homework (not optional please)

The children will have homework as follows

- Five readings per week to be recorded in their reading journal and one weekly parental signature. Their journals will be checked each Monday starting from 29th April. If your child has not completed their reading journal with at least one signature, then I may decide to keep them in on Tuesday at morning play. This will depend on if there have been any exceptional circumstances. Some parents, particularly if their child is struggling with their reading, prefer to sign every day and that is absolutely fine. If your child is a fluent and confident reader, then there is no need to sit with them as they read, but please can you sign the reading journal so that we know that they have read. If you and your child enjoy reading together then please continue, even if they are fluent. Also, please don't sign the journal weeks in advance, but once each week after they have finished their five reads, probably on Sunday the day before the journals are checked..
- Maths homework weekly from Mr Field linked to their targets.
- The children all have Mathletics accounts and although we do not currently check how many points the children score weekly, six hundred is recommended each week.

Drinking Water

To avoid dehydration, children are allowed water in class in a named bottle. This should be a different bottle from the one they have in their packed lunches and must contain water only.

PE

During the Summer term the children will have PE outside all the time weather permitting. The class will learn how to play various cricket games and strive for their best performance in a range of athletics events. After half term, the children will swim twice each week. PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday. Our swimming days will be Tuesday and Thursday.

Correct PE kit is simply a white t-shirt or green William Barnes t-shirt, black shorts, PE socks and trainers. The children may wear their PE kit to school on PE days and when they have an after school club. Please can children not wear fashionable tops for PE.

15 Minute Run

The class will be running the daily mile on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday mornings if we can fit it in. They do not need their PE kit for this but they do need some shoes they can run in. Please if you are buying new school shoes for your child can you choose a pair that allow them to be active at playtimes and can also be used for their daily mile.

School begins at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is in school on time.

The curriculum

Below are the subjects and topics we will be covering during the Summer term. Our main topic is the Stone Age and we will be making as many links as possible with this in literacy and other subjects.

English	Persuasive Letters Playscripts – based on Harry Potter Stories from other cultures – Rona Long Teeth Narrative poetry – the Highwayman
History	Prehistory – the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age
RE	Sikhism/Christianity – how should Christians and Sikhs show their commitment to their religion
PE	Cricket, athletics, tennis, swimming
ICT	Coding using Scratch
Art	Completing Frida Kahlo project
Music	Charanga scheme
Science	Humans as Animals and Habitats
PSHE	Friendships, Sex education
DT	Controlling a Lego model by coding and making a vehicle with a mechanism
French	French – plurals, adjectives, numbers to sixty

I have not included maths above as we will be covering the whole of the maths curriculum in each term each time at a harder level.

Ancient Technology Centre Visit – separate letter sent out

Please make sure you have paid for the Ancient Technology centre visit and you have returned your permission slip. We go on Monday 20th May. The children will need to bring a packed lunch, extra drink, sun cream and a sun hat. If money is tight at the moment please let the office know or come and see me and we will do our best to help. We will be leaving early at 8.30 and leaving the centre at 3.30 to arrive back at school at 4.15.

Classic Books

I have been so pleased to see the children shifting their reading tastes towards more classic children's books. Classic books can often be found in charity shops or in dusty old book shelves at home. If you have any editions you no longer require they would be most welcome on our classroom shelves.

Reading Volunteers

We have a number of children in year 5 who would benefit from reading to an adult. If you think you can spare ten minutes at the start or the end of the school day please see myself Mrs Perry or Miss Bates.

Swimming Volunteers

Our swimming sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am. If you could help supervise the children waiting to swim whilst they read and complete some grammar and maths activities at the poolside, please can you let me or Mrs Perry or Miss Bates know.

Once again I'd like to say that if you have any concerns please come and see me; I will be happy to listen. Thank you for all your support so far this year.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Hull, Miss Bates and Mrs Perry