

Welcome

Hello! Welcome back to school from the lovely Easter break; we all hope that you have had a relaxing break and are ready for the long and busy term ahead. In exactly the same manner at the Autumn and Spring terms we want the children to continue to achieve their best. Moreover we will continue to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own learning and supported risk taking in relation to their learning. As always this increased independence can be aided with support in relation to homework, reading, learning multiplication tables and spellings.



Learning Theme

Our learning theme for this term is, "Intriguing Inventions". Prior to the Easter break the children democratically chose to investigate transport as their main focus. Furthermore, in Science we will be exploring Forces and Magnets which sits nicely with transport. Within our PE lessons we will be taking part in tennis and athletics in the first half term and rounders and athletics in the second. If you have any items at home that may contribute to a display or could be interesting to talk about please bring them in to school.

PE

It would be gratefully appreciated if a PE kit was brought into school on a Monday morning and taken home on a Friday. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Trainers will be required for outdoor PE but indoor PE is done in bare feet. Can I also ask that in their PE kit some "warm" clothing is also put into their kit bags as even if it is cold we will be going outside to do PE. No school uniform is to be worn for PE and in the interest of safety jewellery must not be worn, earrings must either be removed or taped and long hair must be tied back.

Homework

Homework tasks will usually be given on a Wednesday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. If your child is struggling with their homework please ask them to come and see me prior to handing in. Although it is beneficial to support your child with homework tasks, please ensure that the work is that of the child's and not your own. In addition to this the children will be given weekly spelling homework activities. We would also ask children to continue to develop their multiplication skills using Times Table Rockstars.

Reading

Reading diaries need to be handed in on a Monday morning. The children are expected to bring their reading diaries and a suitable reading book to school every day. The children select and change their own reading books and are always welcome to bring in reading books from home. Please encourage your child to read a range of both fiction and non-fiction books. Reading homework is continuous and we expect each child to read at home at least 3 times every week, keeping a reading diary showing the date, title of the book and a brief comment about what they have read. This should be discussed and signed by an adult on a weekly basis. The children are given a list of suggested prompts for reading responses and a sample of previous children's work to help support this. If you would like any further help please just ask.

If you have any questions about anything at all please do not hesitate to ask any of the Class 4 team. Once again I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and teaching and supporting your child.

Kind regards

Mr Mallison and the Class 4 team.