

Orange and Purple Classes

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to say a big thank you for all the cards and gifts that we received at Christmas. We were all overwhelmed by your generosity.

We have another busy term ahead and this letter is to let you know the main areas of work that we will be covering.

In Literacy we will continue reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl, non-fiction texts and poetry. Work will include related fiction writing focusing on settings, characters and plot and non-narrative reports. Non-fiction texts will be linked to our history topic on the Ancient Egyptians. The children will continue to work on their spelling skills and will be sent weekly spellings to learn at home which will be in their spelling folders. We are now using Spelling Shed in school so the children will be given a username and password so that they can log in at home and complete games and tests to help them learn them. The children will also be able to select a book from the school library. We have also encouraged the children to choose a book that they can listen to with someone at home in order to broaden their vocabulary. These books can be changed every Tuesday. The children are allowed to have the book for two weeks, after which time they will need to either return it or have it renewed through our school library system.

In Numeracy we are continuing to deepen our understanding in the mastery maths approach by strengthening our number bonds to 1000 and learning our times tables. We will be working with 2 and 3-digit numbers, fractions, statistics, measuring length and solving problems involving money.

Our Science topic for the first half of term is 'Animals Including Humans and Nutrition' and the second half term will focus on Forces and Magnets.

This term, our Geography topic to investigate UK cities, comparing and contrasting their features, looking at how cities have developed over time whilst upskilling our map skills.

Please remember that your child will continue to be do weekly swimming. Orange class swim on a Tuesday, Purple class on a Wednesday. This will continue until we break up for Easter.

Weekly homework will consist of a range of maths questions to help build on fluency and also time tables practise using the TT Rockstars programme. We will also be doing weekly tests on specific times tables, focussing on the 3, 4 and 8 tables which the Hit the Button online App is particularly useful for. By the end of year 3 the expectation is that all children are fluent in their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Spellings will be sent home in their spelling folder for your child to study. These spellings will be tested on a Monday, and new ones sent home each week. In addition to Tables practice and spellings we would expect all children to be reading regularly at home.

Open Evenings will be later on in the term. These are 8 **minute** appointments to allow us to update you on your child's progress and to allow you to ask any questions. If we feel that more time is needed, we will suggest making an alternative appointment. We will continue to use Weduc as means of communication for reminders and notices.

Please can we remind you that we ask that all children bring their reading book folder and water bottle to school every day, and that all belongings are **clearly named**. Our current PE day is Monday.

We thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,

