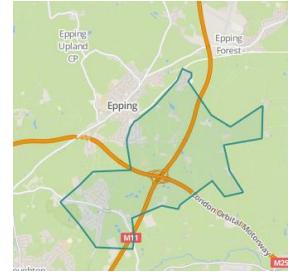


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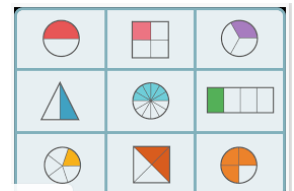


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term where the days are drawing shorter and the nights are drawing in. I'm sure you'll notice how cold it is getting now and we would ask if you could make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather.

Our Learning Journey for this term is 'I love where I live'. Our focus in our local area including Epping, Coopersale and North Weald. If you were brought up in this area it would be great if you could speak to your child about the changes you have noticed over the years such as housing, forests, shops etc. To enhance our learning further we will be visiting a care home in Epping and meeting the residents. This will be a great experience for the children, as they can ask the residents different questions and find out more about the local history.. We will be writing letters to the residents; creating portraits of them; designing and making wall paper; writing biographies about the residents as a keep sake for themselves and their family members; and learning and performing songs for our December visits.

Year 3 and 4 Maths: We will be studying addition and subtraction then multiplication and division. At home it would be great if you could practice the using the column method for addition and subtraction ensuing your child knows how to exchange correctly. In June, all year 4 children across the country will be completing a National Times tables test, it is imperative that these are practiced regularly at home in order for our children to pass.



Year 3 and 4 English: In English, we will be writing biographies for the care home residents. The children will be able to ask the residents and their families questions about their past during our visit. This will then be used to write their biographies. The children will create their own newspaper articles focusing on the local areas history during WW2. At home, your child could research the History of our local area (including North Weald) and the part these places played in WW2. It may be worth visiting your local library to find out more. The term will finish off with the children making their own information booklets, using what they have learnt this half term.

Science: This half term we will be looking at types of nutrition for both animals and humans. Then we will focus on skeletons, muscles and the digestive system.

Year 3 and 4 Homework (handed out on a Friday) it is important that your child practises the spellings at home as they will be tested weekly.

Reading: Your child will bring home, school reading books (fiction and non-fiction). Reading is a life skill and children need to feel that we value them as readers. We would therefore ask parents to listen to their children read regularly at home and write a comment in their reading



record at least once a week. This could be any adult, uncle, aunty, grandparents or older siblings. Your feedback on how they are reading at home is valuable to us.



Bug Club: (online reading books) continues this year - we will ensure that suitable books are available for them to read and complete activities too as often as they can. If your child is having problems logging in, please see their class teacher.

Maths: The school has invested in Maths Factor, an online interactive maths tool to support maths learning at home. We will not set particular activities, instead your child will work at their own speed across the year, completing the Maths Factor tasks. Some of the tasks will seem easy, but the idea is that they repeat the same skill to support their long term memory. Each activity comes with parent tuition videos and support too, so let us know what you think.



What you can do to help:

Maths: Please practice all timetables up to 12 as well as the division facts e.g. $5 \times 4 = 20$
 $20 \div 5 = 4$ $20 \div 4 = 5$.

English: Please could you practice these spellings with your child.

Year 3 Statutory Spellings

answer, build, caught, circle, early, earth, fruit, group, heard, heart, height, island, learn, minute, often, woman/women, address, appear, arrive, breath, breathe, disappear, guard, guide, history, imagine, increase, important, interest, question, recent, reign, remember, centre, century, certain, consider, enough, famous, forward(s), grammar, length, notice, strange, strength, though, although, thought, through.

Year 4 Statutory Spellings

complete, decide, describe, different, difficult, February, library, naughty, opposite, ordinary, perhaps, popular, probably, regular, suppose, surprise, various, exercise, experience, experiment, extreme, favourite, mention, occasion(ally), position, possess(ion), possible, potatoes, pressure, promise, purpose, quarter, sentence, therefore, accident(ally), actual(ly), believe, bicycle, busy, business, calendar, continue, eight, eighth, knowledge, material, medicine, natural, particular, peculiar, separate, special, straight, weight.

Year 3 and 4 P.E. P.E. will be on a Monday and Friday for Beech class. Year 3 (Ash and Aspen) P.E will be on a Monday and Tuesday until w/c 2nd December when it will go back to Wednesday. In year 3 and 4 children are expected to take their own earrings off for P.E and put them away in their own tray.



Home Learning Project:

Can your child create a fact file/booklet/biography about the History of your families?

Where are they from? Who are the different family members? What jobs have people had? How far back in History can you trace your family members.

Can your child bring this in on Monday 9th December so we can all share our projects.

Please don't hesitate to come to us after school if you have any queries about your child's learning etc. Thank you.

Miss Collin, Miss Marbe and Miss Usher