

10th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and the beginning of the spring term.

Topics

Topics this term include: 'How can we live more Sustainably?' in geography and 'Forces' in science. In art we will be studying the work of Lowry and Kahlo, before looking at the work of architects. In music the children will begin to learn to read music and play the recorder and in RE they will be looking at the reasons for pilgrimages.

Homework

English: homework includes spellings, reading and occasionally some writing. Please encourage your child to read regularly to develop fluency and reading stamina. This term we are continuing to concentrate on new vocabulary and encouraging children to ask questions about what they have read. Spellings include spelling patterns, and spelling rules together with the statutory Y3/4 words. Spellings are recorded on a Monday, to be taken home to learn, and tested on a Friday in the back of the spelling book. Please make sure the book is in school on a Friday. If written work is set, it will be handed out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday.

Maths: homework includes practising multiplication and division facts regularly. The T'Trockstars app has already proven to have improved the children's speed and instant recall. Five or ten minutes on this most days is more beneficial than one longer session. We already have a few 'Rock Stars' in the class! Children have a paper test once a week to check they are improving their own score.

Maths homework is set on a Friday and needs to be handed in on Monday (or Tuesday at the latest). Homework will usually be set from a workbook every week, just like last year. Please don't worry if your child is not working from the age appropriate work book - it is far more important that they gain confidence in what they do. Sometimes the children will have re-cap work or practice exercises instead of the work book.

PE/Games: During this term we will have outdoor games on a Monday and indoor PE on a Thursday. PE kit, consisting of black shorts and white T-shirt should be left in school. The children can either wear pumps or have bare feet for PE. Please send outdoor kit on a Monday. Unfortunately, we do not have space to keep games kit in school and so it needs to be taken home the same day.

Library Hawthorn library session is on a Thursday. Please make sure library books are in school that day.

Thank you for your support. If you have any concerns please ring or pop in to see either of us,

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