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“Together we reach for our personal best”

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed your break from school.

Topics for this term:

Science We will be continuing to learn about space and will be introducing the topics of ‘How does your garden grow?’ and ‘Opposites Attract’.

History We will be introducing the topic of ‘The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain’, focussing on Claudius, Hadrian’s Wall and Boudicca.

RE We will be learning about how people express their faith through the arts and about where, how and why people worship?

Modern Foreign Language All children in the year groups will have the opportunity to explore the French language and culture.

Art The children will be making a range of artefacts linked to our History topic of Romans.

Music The children will continue with their violin lessons.

ICT We will be looking at the safety implications of the internet and other networking platforms. We will also be collecting and analysing different forms of data.

PE This is a compulsory and important part of the curriculum. Regular PE sessions are held on a Monday and Thursday.

However, there are other occasions when children will need their PE kit for different activities. Therefore, each child should have a full PE kit in school at all times, (shorts, T-shirt, plimsolls/trainers and a tracksuit for colder weather).

We encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings, so would you please ensure that each item of clothing – school uniform and PE kit - is clearly named to make this easier for them. Bags, lunchboxes and personal items should also be clearly named.

Homework

English

Spellings – Your child will bring home their spellings to learn on Monday each week to be learned for their spelling test the following Monday. They will also receive an additional piece of homework based on the Grammar work covered during the week.

Reading - Please encourage your child to read at home. It is beneficial if you can listen to them read every evening, so that the children have more opportunities to practise, although we expect at least three comments to be noted in their yellow books each week. It is helpful to discuss the content of the books with your child, to develop their comprehension skills. As an incentive, your child will be rewarded with certificates as they progress. If your child reads five or more times each week, sticker rewards will also be issued.

Maths

Homework will be set every Thursday and should be returned on or before the following Tuesday morning. The homework will usually be based on the type of work the children have undertaken during that week. Please do prompt your child to complete homework tasks independently, offering only encouragement and praise. If they have difficulties, feel free to come in and discuss this with their subject teacher, preferably after school. This enables us to further assess their understanding.

Jewellery

The only acceptable items of jewellery to be worn at school are a watch and stud earrings. These items must be removed for PE. Teachers are not allowed to remove or put in earrings and cannot be held responsible for any loss. It is advisable that no jewellery should be worn on PE days. Please ensure that children's ears are not pierced during term time as they cannot participate in any physical activities for 6 weeks afterwards.

Drinks

Children are allowed to bring a drink to school, (water only please) It should be in a clearly-named plastic bottle. We have been advised that sports drinks are not appropriate for children of primary age, so please check bottle labels carefully. On Fridays, any drink bottles left in school will be discarded.

If you have any questions/worries, please make an appointment to see the class teacher, preferably after school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Creasey

Miss Greenwood

Miss Burke