

Mr Fenton's Class Newsletter

Friday 20th April 2018

Welcome back. I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and are looking forward to the improving weather (hopefully!).

Our learning

Please see the attached sheet for what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas.

Year 6 SATs

This Year Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) are on the week commencing:

Monday 14th May 2018.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

Monday 14 May English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling. Paper 2: questions

Tuesday 15 May English reading

Wednesday 16 May Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic. Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday 17 May Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Your child has been sent home with some Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling books and a variety of Maths study books to support both yourselves and your children to prepare for test week. Pupils are identifying gaps in their learning and these are being addressed in school with a personalised curriculum as well as whole class teaching and learning.

Homework – times tables and spelling

Just a reminder that children need to visit <https://trockstars.com/login> to play at least ten times tables games by **Friday** each week. The more they play, the better their times tables will be. **If you don't have access to the internet, please let me know, as worksheets can be provided instead.**

Children are still expected to learn their spellings, but these don't need to be handed in. Please look at your child's Spelling Log for spellings to learn, including in the back for 'orange words.' Spelling Logs still need to be at school every day. An additional sheet listing the spelling rules with examples was also sent home for your reference.

Extra homework (e.g. writing sentences using their spellings) is rewarded with house points.

Reading

Please help your child to succeed by listening to them read as often as you can. The more often you can read with your child, the more fluent they will become and the easier they will find all aspects of their learning. Please record reading at home in your child's Reading Diary. Books in book bags are changed every Friday (unless your child hasn't finished with them – please ensure comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

Children may be required to spend time reading at playtime, if they are not reading at home.

Topic Detectives

9 out of 22 pupils in Class 4 submitted Topic Detective homework before the holiday. A big well done to Harrison, Lennon, Lydia G, Alisha, William N, Rebecca, Noah, Thomas and Laiton who completed it.

Can we create a class record number of entries in our last half-term before classes change?

Please see the attached sheet for ideas about what we are learning this half-term and help us to have many more entries by the next deadline - **Monday 21st May.**

Phonics

Some children are still working on their phonics. If this is the case, your child will be in a new group for English every day. Please keep an eye out for resources that will be sent home each week to help with your child's progress.

Water bottles

Water improves concentration, learning, health, wellbeing and happiness! Please make sure your child has a water bottle, containing **only water**, in school every day.

Fruit and milk

Children may bring fruit from home for break time if they wish.

If you'd like to pay for milk, please ask at the School Office.

PE

Please make sure your child has their PE kit **every day**, including suitable footwear for running our daily mile. Children should have a **change of shoes** for running our daily mile. Your child may miss out on their green sticker for work if they don't change their shoes.

Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms and trainers, should be in your child's kit.

Shorts/tracksuit bottoms should be navy blue or black and t-shirts should be white.

PE will continue to be on **Monday and Tuesday** afternoons this half-term. Depending on timing, children are often allowed to leave school wearing their PE kit, but if you'd rather your child gets changed back into their uniform before leaving please just let me know.

Please, please, please ensure all clothing is named! We still find endless jumpers, t-shirts and trousers that all children deny owning!

Nut allergies

Just a reminder that there are children in school with nut allergies. Packed lunch and treats for birthdays must be checked carefully to ensure they are **completely nut-free**.

Personal Belongings

Another reminder about children leaving their own belongings at home, please. Phones, money (unless for a collection), **football cards**, toys e.g. fidget spinners, jewellery such as necklaces, and stationery items such as pens, rubbers and pencil cases cause a distraction, especially if the item gets lost or broken. Please note that 'Always Children' are allowed to bring a pencil case if they wish, because they have proven that their behaviour is excellent at all times and that they won't be distracted by them. This is at their own risk, as items can still get damaged or lost.

Rewards

10 out of 22 children in Class 4 were an 'Always Child' at the end of last half-term, earning their Golden Time and a certificate. Big 'Well Done!' Always Children gain certain privileges e.g. permitted to bring a pencil case; their own line at lining up times; entering the classroom first.

Here's a reminder about expectations...

Children can earn three green stickers every week for their behaviour, work and attendance. Children who have earned enough green stickers by the end of the half-term become an 'Always Child'.

* Children are given their green stickers on a Monday for the previous week. Please encourage your child by talking to them about their stickers.

How you can earn each of your green stickers:

Behaviour – don't earn penalties by making the wrong choices e.g. talking, shouting out, being silly – if you do, improve your behaviour quickly. Children who receive too many penalties will not receive a green sticker for behaviour.

Work – children must complete their homework **and** reading at home by Friday each week, **as well as** doing their best with all of their class work. Children must also have their book bag, Spelling Log and water bottle **every day**, have the correct PE kit every day, as well as a **change of shoes** for running daily, have their swimming kit on a Tuesday and wear the correct school uniform every day (**please** ensure clothing is named).

Attendance – if your child is poorly, please make sure the school office is phoned so that we know where they are. Green stickers are only awarded to children who arrive **on time** when the classroom doors open at 8.50am.

Children are given three chances (e.g. three green stickers not earned) so that children aren't penalised just for being poorly for example, but three chances should be plenty. Please help and encourage your child to earn their green stickers. It is really important to help them to achieve their full potential, and will prevent there being any disappointed children during our Golden Time at the end of the half-term.

Parents' Evening

If you didn't manage to attend your Parents' Evening appointment at the start of last half-term, please let me (or the School Office) know when you're available so we can rearrange.

Visit

We are hoping to visit a mosque this half-term, as part of our learning about another religion. There will be a charge for each pupil to cover the transport cost. More details to follow.

Dates for your diary

*** Please see the attached sheet for important dates. ***

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I am always happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P. Fenton