



Discovery Class

Terms 3 & 4 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year! I would also like to thank you for your good wishes and the lovely Christmas presents.

Our topic for Term 3 will be 'Monsters', and the majority of work across the curriculum will come from this topic. In English we will read and write poems about monsters and create our own stories. There will also be on-going work in phonics, spelling and handwriting. In Maths we will be working on addition and subtraction, money and time. Our science work will focus on identifying and grouping animals. In RE we will learn about the festival of Chanukah.

The topic for Term 4 will be 'Reduce, Recycle, Re-use'.

Supporting your child at home

Reading: It is important for your child's progress that they read on regular basis. Encourage your child to talk about the books they read and ask them questions. Also look out for reading opportunities when you are out and about. Please aim to read with your child at least 3 times per week, and sign the reading record afterwards - we are carrying on with the 'Read, Read, Read' at home prize draw every week. Make sure they have their reading book in school each day and remind them to put their reading book and record book in the correct box each morning.

Spelling: This term we are continuing to send out spelling lists. The words on the lists are all identified as 'common exception words', and learning them will help your child to prepare for assessments and their future learning. A new spellings sheet will be sent home on a Thursday, your child will then be tested on these words the following Wednesday.

Maths: Play counting games and give your child as much exposure as possible to 'real-life' maths such as money, measuring and time. Also use *Mathletics* and other interactive resources available on websites such as *BBC Bitesize*.

Organisation

PE days are on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please can you make sure your child has a named PE kit in school. Sessions will include indoor and outdoor activities so ensure your child has a tracksuit or jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for colder weather.

Please return library books on **Monday**.

Show and Tell is on **Friday** (see attached rota)

Dates for your diary:

28 January - Book Week

19 & 21 March - Parents' Evenings

20 & 21 March - Discovery Sharing Assemblies

Other

Please can you:

- make sure your child has a sports capped bottle of water (**not squash**) to drink throughout the day
- make sure your child has a coat in school each day
- make sure your child's belongings are named

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me. After school is usually the most convenient time.

Thank you.

Mrs Templeton

