



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Summer Break. This is a busy term while we transition the children from Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1. We look forward to getting to know you.

English

During this term we will focus on writing sentences, using capital letters and full stops. We will be learning to use our sounds and keywords to support the children's spelling.

Children will read with the teacher or teaching assistant once a week. They will focus on decoding skills and simple comprehension. Please read each night and sign your child's reading record.

Mathematics

Through daily maths activities we shall practise and develop oral and mental skills. The children will read and write numbers and count confidently to at least 20. They will learn to recall addition and subtraction facts. We shall also be working with money, investigating 2D and 3D shapes and measuring. We will also learn about solving problems and puzzles.

PE

Our PE day is Tuesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit (black shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls) in school every single day and that all items are clearly labelled. There may be days when your child comes home with their socks inside out or their vest on backwards, but this means they got dressed all by themselves!

Computing

We will be learning how to log on to the laptops, use the drawing program and word processor.

We will also use digital cameras, microphones, ipads and other equipment.

Homework

Every fortnight on a Friday two pieces of homework will go home, usually literacy and maths, but occasionally other subjects. Homework should be handed in by the date given. Homework is an ideal way of finding out how your child is doing in school .and of giving your child some extra help if they need it.

Topic

We start the term with 'Ourselves', learning about the 5 senses and our bodies as well as animals.

After half term we will learn about 'Houses and Homes'. Exploring changes through History and looking at Geography.

Time Keeping

Children are most happy and confident when they are sure of what they have to do. It is extremely unsettling for them to arrive in class after work has started. Therefore we would ask you to please ensure that your child arrives promptly for registration at 8.55a.m. Mental maths sessions take place between 8:45 and 8:55 and it is important for your child to be part of these.

PSHE

We will focus on setting expectations for behaviour in the first half term, encouraging a calm and positive atmosphere.

In the second half we will look at 'Celebrating our Differences'.

Religious Education

In RE we will be looking at how Christians, Jews and Muslims are thankful for things in our world. After half term we will be looking at the Christmas Story.

We look forward to an enjoyable term with the class. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns or queries about your child's personal progress. Quick queries can usually be dealt with after school – and if you feel that you would like a longer discussion simply make an appointment with us.

Mrs Weinstein and Mrs Laughton