



3rd September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break.

We are looking forward to a very successful year ahead, working closely in partnership with you. Mrs Martin will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Mrs Bowskill on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Mr Hewitt will be teaching RE for part of Wednesday afternoon.

We have lots of exciting learning planned for the first half term:

Class novel: Our class novel is Goodnight Mr Tom. We will listen to the story and much of our English work will be inspired by the book.

English: We will be performing playscripts based on World War II and writing information texts about the war effort. Through these we will continue to focus on the grammar skills needed to become better writers.

Maths: Counting, place value and times tables form the focus for the first part of the term.

Science: Sound - what is sound and how do we hear?

PE: Football and swimming

RE: What do we mean by a miracle?

History: The world at war including involvement in the Caton war memorial project.

French: My family

Art: Charcoal sketching and printing with a focus on skills, finishing with a conflict inspired artwork.

Computing: Control/algorithms using LOGO. We will also have a reminder about online safety and security.

Music: Wartime songs

PE

PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Speight will teach football skills for the first part of the afternoon and then Mrs Bowskill will be taking the class swimming (from week 2). Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them every Thursday from week 2 and PE kit should be in school at all times.



Homework

Daily reading - All children should read a quality text of an appropriate level that they bring into school each day and take home each night, completing their reading record daily. Children will read books from a structured reading scheme until we decide they are ready to become a 'free reader'. Extra books can be borrowed from the school library and, in addition, a list of recommended texts is included on the class page of the website should you wish to buy suitable books of your own for your child.

Learning Log - We ask that you child completes **at least one** of the tasks included in the learning log and returns it to school before the half term break. We hope your child will find the various activities interesting, motivating and complementary to the topics they are studying in class. Completed pieces of work will be shared, celebrated and rewarded.

Weekly spellings - These will be tested each Friday. Spellings for the whole term have been sent home and are also available on the class page of the website. Please support your child in learning their spellings.

Times tables - These should be practised regularly at home; knowing these is crucial and the expectation of the national curriculum is that all children should know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. This means being able to recite times tables i.e. 0 times 5 is 0, 1 times 5 is 5, 2 times 5 is 10 etc. and knowing related division facts i.e. 0 divided by 5 is 0, 5 divided by 5 is 1, 10 divided by 5 is 2 etc. When your child is ready to be tested on a particular times table, they should leave their card in the tray on our desk and we will test them as soon as we can.

Year 6 homework - Year 6 will be set additional homework each Monday to be completed by the following Monday.

If you would like to speak to us about anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or in person at the beginning or end of the school day or by phone.

Best wishes,

Mrs Martin and Mrs Bowskill