

Spring Term 2018 - Edison Class

Exit task

To share our learning on habitats, we would love to invite you to build some **bug hotels** with us at 9am on Tuesday 23rd January.

This will be for the morning until approximately 11am. We would welcome any items to help us do this, including **wooden pallets, bamboo canes, tin cans and plastic bottles, sent in as soon as possible.**

Maths

This half term we will focus on multiplication and division:

- Recalling 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x tables at speed.
- Finding related division facts
- Use times-tables to solve problems.
- Explaining what the numbers mean in a problem.
- Recognising odd and even,

Topic: Significant people of the past

In this topic, children will explore:

- Significant people from history who changed our world
- Find differences in their own lives and those from another time period.
 - Important inventions
 - Creating a time-line of important figures
- Study the work of some important artists and make comparisons.

English

This term we will focus on writing instructions, warning stories, poetry and we will study the author Anthony Browne.

Talk for Writing

Your child will continue to learn and explore texts to support their writing using this method. Whenever we learn a new text, you will receive a picture of our 'story map' (symbols) and a copy of the text. I also hope to now put these on the website, so you can access them easily from home.

Spelling

Please continue to practise your spellings at home. Children will now also have 1 word that they have taken from their personal 'spelling journal'.

P.E.

We will have PE on a **Thursday (indoor)** and **Friday (outdoor)**. This is a very important part of your child's learning so please ensure a full kit is in school every week.

Reading Fluency

As well as the homework take away menu, there will now be a 'fluency challenge' sent home each week. As you know, we are aiming that children can read a gold-level book at a rate of **90 words per minute**. This expectation is very high but will improve with a little extra practise. The children must simply practise reading a short passage several times, to improve their fluency.

It would be helpful if you could time each attempt to see if it improves as close to 1 minute as possible I would like these sent back in on a **Monday** so I can check this has been done.

Please note that the gold-level is the end of year expectation and may be more challenging than your child's current reading book. This should only take a couple of minutes to do, so should be done **by all**.

R.E

We will now explore the good news that Jesus brings and the real meaning of the Easter Story.

Homework take-away menu

A new Menu will be issued this week with some new challenges for the Spring term. A copy will be on the school website in due course.

If you have any enquires, you are always welcome to see Mr Hazeldine for a short chat at the end of the day.

Mr Hazeldine and Miss Ross

Reading at home

I sent home a letter in December explaining some changes I have made to reading books.

Your child should now have a 'reading for pleasure' book, and a 'guided reading' book.

Unfortunately, lots of guided reading books have not been sent back in to school. These are part of a set and can not be used by other groups if we do not receive all copies back in the same week. Please check for any books that have been left at home.