

Welcome Back

Happy New Year, we hope you had a peaceful and relaxed Christmas break. We are starting the term still working in a play based environment, moving to more formal teaching over the next few weeks.

In English we will be learning how to write instructions on how to trap a pirate, having had a visit earlier in the week. *(A long story — ask your child to tell you what has happened! It is truly shocking!)*

In Maths we will be learning about shape, length, height and continuing addition and subtraction.

We will continue to practice our phonics daily and homework will be sent weekly.

If you have any questions regarding learning in class please do not hesitate to come and ask.

P.E.

P.E. is always on Mondays and will also start on Thursdays after half term. Please ensure that **named** P.E. kits are in school, including plain blue joggers, sweatshirt for outdoor lessons and P.E. shoes.

Topics this term:

R.E.

What is the good news that Jesus brings?

Topic

The Earth – our home (Science theme)

People of the Past

(History theme)

Our Class Rules:

The children came up with these class rules

Encourage others

Persevere (try and try again)

Don't give up

Always do your best

Keep the areas tidy

Homework and Reading

Homework is sent out on Friday afternoon and is due back in by the following Thursday. Please could we ask that homework books are treated with respect and a writing pencil is used to complete the task. Homework is based on the phonics that we have been learning throughout the week and some Maths homework may also be sent.

We also encourage you to read and share books as much as possible at home as this is vital to developing the joy of reading and core skills such as comprehension.

Stay and Learn/Exit Task

You are invited to our class Stay and Learn sessions on Wednesday 31st January and Tuesday 6th March at 8.45am. If you have anything that you would like us to cover then please do ask, otherwise you may get me talking about phonics again!! We will be holding an Exit Task for our People of the Past topic on Wednesday 21st March from 9-10am.

'Let us pick up our books and our pens, they are the most powerful weapons.'

Malala Yousafzai