

Anderson Class Newsletter Autumn 2018

Welcome to Anderson Class! We hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday. Our class patron is Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Britain's first female doctor, a woman who represents the values of determination, hard work and resilience: a perfect set of qualities that we shall be promoting throughout the year. This term, we have lined up some wonderful learning opportunities for the children that we can't wait to begin!



Teachers

As well as myself, your child will be taught by Mrs. Bruce all day on Mondays, while the class will have a specialist to teach PE on Thursdays. Mrs Bruce will also be supporting small groups of children in Maths and English on Wednesday afternoons. In addition, our Teaching Assistants will be Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs Blows.

Homework

The children will be expected to read at home and practise their times tables (e.g. on Times Tables Rock Stars) at least three times per week. In addition, they will be given a formal homework on Fridays and usually be expected to hand it in the following Tuesday. This homework should take at least 30 minutes to complete. Every child has a red homework binder in class where they will file their work and tick that it has been done.

Given the increased expectations in Year 6 and in preparation for high school, they may be given additional tasks during the week, increasing in frequency as the year progresses. We value your support in ensuring it is completed on time.

Thank You

Thank you for continuing support. If you wish to speak to me to discuss your child's progress and well-being, please see me after school and I can arrange a convenient time to meet with you.



General Information

School Uniform

Please support us in making sure the children come to school every day in the correct school uniform. Full details of this can be found in the school prospectus. Please remember that no make-up, including nail varnish or mascara, is permitted and the children will be asked to remove it.

It is also important that if children change their shoes for playtimes, for example to play football, they have a clean, black pair of shoes to change back into in the classroom.

Water Bottles

Every child should have a named water bottle that is kept in the classroom for access during the day. Please remind your child to take this bottle home every evening for washing!

PE

This term, Anderson Class have PE on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Year 5s will be swimming this term. We kindly ask that the children have the correct kit on these days as this is an important part of the curriculum.

In addition, we shall be participating in the *Daily Mile* approximately three days per week. The children will be expected to walk, jog or run for 15 minutes around the school field or playground in the hope of completing a mile. It would be beneficial if the children could keep suitable footwear, such as trainers, in school all week for this activity.

