



Wednesday 4th January 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely holiday and are ready for the Spring Term. I am writing to give you some more information about what to expect during this half term.

Our Curriculum

As a school, we work tirelessly to make sure our curriculum is up-to-date as well as exciting and engaging for all our children. This half term our theme is **Equality and Diversity!** During this topic we will be learning about how our differences are to be celebrated and how each and every one of us are unique. We will be learning about Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, Emmeline Pankhurst, Nelson Mandela, Claire Cashmore and Stevie Wonder among many others. We will write newspapers, speeches and even have a debate about what we have learnt! This further supports our learning in History, looking at how tolerance and acceptance has changed over the years. We will become scientists through conducting experiments and finding out what makes a fair test. In Art we will be learning about colour mixing including creating different shades. Our PSHE learning will focus on the theme of 'Dreams and Goals' exploring how we can celebrate achievements and overcome challenges. We will continue our whole class guided reading book 'The Great Fire of London' and then move onto 'Lots' which is about Diversity throughout the world. In R.E we will be continuing our learning on 'Who are Muslims and what do they believe?'

For more information on our school curriculum, please check the school website.

PE

Children will have twice-weekly PE sessions. The days may change each half term (check the class window for changes) as we have PE specialist Mr Ellis in school on a Thursday. If your child is attending swimming lessons then this will count as their second PE lesson. This half term is our chance to work with Mr Ellis so **our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday**. On these days please ensure that your child is properly prepared. If they wear earrings please remove or cover them before school (staff are not able to support them to do this). Please can all long hair be securely tied up to avoid accidents.

Children must have the correct PE kit with them. This should include named; white or red t-shirt, black or navy blue shorts and trainers. Feel free to also include leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper, as the weather is now cold. Children are welcome to leave this hanging on their peg all term to make life easier!

Do not forget, as a school we are trying to do our bit for the planet so if you would like some PE kit (or any uniform) from our uniform cupboard, please phone the office or catch me on the door.

Reading

In Year 2 children will have daily SPaG and guided reading sessions.

Children have access to both online and physical books. The online books are assigned at the beginning of each half term for your child to read at their own pace (through Collins eBooks). They also bring home physical books, which can be changed as often as required. In year 2, children are

given the responsibility of changing this book themselves. Whilst we do remind them regularly, please let us know if it keeps getting missed! As a school we recommend that children read at home every day, so please read as regularly as you are able to.

If you have any difficulties with the Collins eBooks please let us know.

Library

During the week children will visit our Big Red Reading Bus twice. We will have a whole class story time on the bus, as well as allowing another opportunity for children to choose and borrow their own book. Please support your child to remember to bring their library book to change every **Thursday**.

Online Learning

Children have access to three different online learning platforms. This includes Collins eBooks (as stated above), Google Classroom for a range of learning and Collins Adapt for maths. Logins will be stuck in either homework books or reading record books.

Homework

Just a reminder that homework books need to be returned each week. See class days below.

Miss Williams: Thursday

Mrs Mackay: Wednesday

Mr Jackson: Thursday

Weekly Newsletters

As always, Mrs Clark will continue to write weekly newsletters to keep you up-to-date with all the exciting things happening in school. To reduce our paper use, these will be emailed out every Friday. Please contact the office if you are not receiving them. These newsletters also include important upcoming dates that you need to be aware of so please take the time to check them weekly.

Thank you in advance for all of your support. Please always remember that we are here to help if you need us.

Kind regards,

Mr Jackson

