



Dear Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your child had a lovely summer holiday. I am very much looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

For the first half term our topic will be Holidays. Our big question that Alvin Asks is: Would you rather go on a holiday now or in the past?

For the second half term our Topic will be Hot and Cold Places. Our big question that Alvin Asks is: Where in the world would you like to live?

Much of our work will be topic-based with cross-curricular links to specific subject areas. This gives us the opportunity to plan topics of interest to the children as well as encouraging their interests to lead to further avenues of discovery and learning.

During our Holidays topic we will:

- Understand how holidays have developed and changed over time.
- Use a variety of sources such as newspapers, video documentaries, books and the internet to gain information about holidays.
- Use the Green Screen to become explorers and travel agents.
- Explore how air transportation has developed over time and understand its use in the modern age.

During our Hot and Cold Places topic we will:

- Locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the North and South Poles.
- Explore and use world maps, atlases and globes to identify hot and cold areas, continents and oceans.
- Use simple compass directions and directional language to describe the location and features on a map.
- Use a compass to follow a scavenger hunt around the school grounds.

English

English will be taught daily along with Phonics, Handwriting and Spelling sessions. This term we will be exploring Grammar through a variety of genres and styles including recounts, recipes, instructions, poetry, story writing, letters, posters and diaries. Our focus throughout will be to use our 'Purple Polishing Pens' to edit and improve work. With regards to reading we will continue to use Story Wings due to its success last year to aid our reading of different genres. Due to the variety of books needed to read for story wings, reading scheme book changes will take place on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Library books can be changed weekly, day to be confirmed. This will enable the children to read a variety of books, not just the school reading scheme books.

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Maths

Our mathematics will be taught daily. This is taught in progressive blocks each term. This half term the children will be learning about **number and place value** including; counting (in Year 1 to 20 and year 2 to 100), partitioning, calculating using +, -, × and ÷, securing number facts and number bonds to 20, understanding shape both 2D and 3D, handling data by creating graphs and tallies, measuring capacity and volume and problem solving in a variety of contexts.

PE

Children should have PE kits in school all the time. PE kits will go home for washing on a Friday to be brought back in on a Monday. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays but we may have an additional PE lesson if the weather is particularly nice! Therefore, children must have a pair of trainers for outside PE and as the weather becomes colder please add a jumper to your child's PE kit so that we can go outside.

Home Reading Books

Home reading books will be changed regularly each week. Please prompt your child with questions when they are reading. These can be found in most school scheme books at the front or back. It is also important that you fill in the reading diary when you have read with your child, as it helps us to monitor their progress and know when to change their book. Please use the reading diary for reading communication only.

Home reading involves all kinds of shared reading activities- read the time it takes to cook foods, read shopping lists, find out what is on TV, share and discuss a favourite book- please feel free to record these in the reading diary also.

Communication

If you have a message for myself or the LSA in the class, please use the red book and remind your child to show us. **If your child goes on the bus, please ensure the weekly grid is filled out** so we can make sure your child goes home accordingly. If for any reason bus/school pick up changes on a particular day then please let us know using the red communication book and **remind your child to show us.**

Homework

Homework will be given out on Friday to be returned by the following Friday. Homework will consist of either English or Maths based on the current learning of the child.

Spellings will also be sent home on Friday, these will be linked to the current Phonics learning of the child. The spelling test will be completed every Thursday (unless circumstances affect this in which case the spelling test will be completed on Friday).

Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 18th September. 3pm – 3:40pm

Meet the teacher is a great opportunity for me to introduce myself and for you to explore the classroom and current learning on display. You will be given an information pack about the year ahead and other important matters. It also gives you the opportunity to ask me any questions you may have. I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you this year.

Many thanks for all your support.

Miss Chandler

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