



Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school and to a new academic year! I hope you have all had a very happy, restful summer holiday and you are looking forward to an exciting learning year ahead.

Our topic this term is called 'Facing the World.' In this topic we will be looking at the diversity of the world's population and discussing the issues around stereotyping. We will also be looking at global issues and considering what we can do to help improve our environment (A topic overview is attached overleaf).

Homework (English and Mathematics) will be set on a Thursday for it to be completed and handed in by Tuesday of the following week. We encourage parental involvement in homework, especially if your child is experiencing difficulties. However if they do need further support, please advise them to come and see me, or Mrs Taylor for English, or via the parent feedback on their homework sheet.

Weekly spellings, and the associated spelling rule, will be sent home on a Monday (in a separate book). The children will need to learn their weekly spellings, and its rule, ready for a spelling test on Friday of the same week. They will need to bring their Spelling Home Log Book into school on Friday because once they have done their test at school they will highlight the words they didn't get right in green. Children who get more than one wrong will need to do further practice over the weekend ready to be retested on the following Monday. It is very important that your child develops confidence in spelling a range of familiar and unfamiliar words as well as understanding the rules that need to be applied in order to spell such words.

Children should read at home (independently and to an adult) on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). These should be recorded in your child's reading record book. Their reading record book and reading book need to be in school every day so that adults in school can hear your child and record their comments. It is also important to discuss what your child has read to help develop their reading comprehension skills.

For Maths there is a need for quick recall of all times table facts up to 12 x 12 and an expectation that children have a bank of known key facts, which they can recall instantly. Each half term we will have a different focus on a set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) and a copy will be sent home. Please spend some time each week helping your child to learn these facts as well as their times tables as these skills will be invaluable to their progress and ability to apply their maths skills.





A P.E. kit will be required and should be in school at all times as we often have PE lessons on different days. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for lessons and all items, including their school uniform are clearly labeled. No jewellery is to be worn and earrings must be removed. This term Year 4 and 5 will be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon.

Forest School afternoons will take place on Wednesday afternoons during terms in which the children are not swimming. Since Year 4 and 5 will be swimming during the Autumn term, we will not have Forest School sessions until the Spring term. Please refer to the bottom of the newsletter or the school app to find out which dates your child will be involved in forest school and the clothing they need to wear, starting next term.

I am looking forward to working together to ensure your child is happy and that they achieve their full potential. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to see me at the end of the school day or make an appointment at the office.

Thank you and kind regards

*Mrs Jones*

