

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

This term we will be focusing on being the best purple learners we can be. We will be challenging ourselves, discussing how we can be better learners and understanding what our next steps are.

### **Reading and Phonics**

Guided reading sessions will continue in class. Within these sessions, when not working with an adult, the children will be completing more independent reading and comprehension tasks, as well as writing about books in their reading journal. Please continue to support your child with reading at home and encourage them to write what they have read in their reading diary.

Phonics/spelling sessions will still take place four times a week.

### **English**

In the first half term our written work will include writing stories about superheroes and non-fiction texts related to our science work. We will also continue to focus on grammar skills, particularly using the four sentence types (statement, question, exclamation, command), spelling contractions correctly (e.g. don't, couldn't) and spelling the exception words which we gave out at parents' evening. Please let us know if you need another copy of this list because it would be great if the children could continue to practise these at home.

After the May half term our topic will be 'Habitats' and we will be reading and writing a range of different texts, including poems, stories and non-fiction. Lots of our writing will still link to the science work we do.

### **Maths**

We will be focusing on using effective calculation strategies for all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and solving a range of problems. In addition, we will recap the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes and continue to learn about money and measures (including time). Any practise that the children can do at home relating to money, measures and time is always beneficial - perhaps reading timetables, using measures when cooking from a recipe, or measuring things for a purpose in their room or the garden.

### **Science**

Our topic will cover animals (including humans) and their habitats. We will look at different local and world habitats and microhabitats, thinking about what animals and plants live there, and will find out more about food-chains.

### **P.E**

Our P.E lessons this term will both be on Wednesdays! However, please make sure your child has their full P.E kit in school for the whole week as occasionally the timetable may need to change.

Please ensure **ALL** items of school clothing and P.E kit are labelled as this reduces the anxiety the children experience when they mislay a shirt or pair of shorts. P.E sessions may take place outside so your child will require dark coloured tracksuit bottoms/leggings and plimsolls or trainers.

### **Music, Art, D&T**

These subjects will be starting again after the May half term and will be linked to our topic work.

### **Homework**

This half term we will be giving out specific English or maths homework on a Friday each week. This should be handed in on or before the following Thursday.

### **SATs**

We have not discussed the KS1 SATs with the children and do not intend to worry them by making a fuss about it; however, in the last week of this first half term they will be taking reading, maths and grammar/spelling tests. The children have already been getting used to the style of questions and tasks that they will be required to do in the tests within their normal English and maths lessons, so we hope that they will not find anything too daunting when it comes to the real thing. There is no need for you to do anything further with your child in relation to SATs, other than to continue practising the things that we have already suggested, but please ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep that week and eats a good breakfast!

If you are able to spare any time, we are always very grateful for any parent help in the classroom so please let us know. Finally, if you would like to discuss anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

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