

Welcome back after a festive break to the new Spring Term. This term we have a trip running in Year 3 to Hazard Alley and some of our Year 4 pupils will be taking part in a residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes.

### Year 2

In phonics the children will be continuing to develop their phonological knowledge to increase their fluency using the Read Write Inc scheme. Children will bring home a colour band book that corresponds to their phonics group to support their learning at home. They will also have a library book to enjoy sharing.

In English the children will be using their prior science knowledge to write non-chronological reports on minibeasts.

In Science the children will learn about life cycles and properties of everyday materials. They will sort and classify these and take part in practical investigations.

In Maths money, position and direction as well as multiplication and division will be covered. The children will be making pouches in design and technology. They will look at existing products, design and make their own. They will then evaluate their product.

Geography learning will be based on the key question, would you rather live in a hot or cold place? The children will explore the continents based on their climates. They will look at the equator and its location. They will finally make a decision to answer the key question.

PE lessons will cover gym and net and wall games this term.

Children will have the opportunity to discuss their dreams and goals during PSHE lessons and will enjoy music lessons with a theme of singing.

### Year 3 and 4

In English the children will be developing their fiction writing with a focus being on setting description. They will spend time developing their vocabulary and selecting powerful adjectives to really excite their reader. They will also learn to use a range of descriptive devices.

In computing children are learning about the uses of emails and how to construct and write their own using our school platform. They are also learning about using and making databases.

The children will be taking part in design and technology sessions this term. They will plan, make and evaluate structures working with teams and take part in cooking lessons to make biscuits. The children will investigate existing recipes, taste test to plan their own and then use a given budget to generate their own product.

In RE the children will be exploring the key question 'How and where people talk to God'. They will explore a range of different viewpoints based on different religious beliefs to help them generate their own ideas.

In PE the children will be working on their fitness and exploring outdoor adventurous activities (OAA).

In Geography the children will be learning about the layers of the earth and natural disasters with a focus on volcanoes and how they are formed as well as earthquakes. They will also learn about the different types of mountains.

Our Science learning will include investigating different types of soil and what makes soil. The children will also learn about different types of rock and their properties.

### Core texts

**Year 2** - Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

**Year 3 and 4** - Nimm's Island by Wendy Orr, The Firework Makers Daughter by Phillip Pullman, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and Stig of the Dump by Clive King

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. The expectations are:

#### Year 2

- Reading with your child, your child reading aloud to you at least 5 times a week
- Learning common exception spellings- these will come home once a week.
- English or Maths homework week will be set once every two weeks.
- Learning to skip count in 2s, 5s and 10. For example- 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 etc

### Year 3 and 4

- Reading with your child, your child reading aloud to you at least 5 times a week
- Learning Year 3/4 National Curriculum spelling words- these will come home once a week.
- English homework every week (up to 30 minutes)
- Maths work every week (up to 30 minutes)
- Learning multiplication table facts - 2, 5, 10, 4, 8 and the division facts (Year 3)
- Learning the rest of the multiplication table facts to 12x12 - 3, 6, 9, 7, 11, 12 (Year 4)

### Important information

Please only bring essential items to school on a daily basis ie: reading book, spelling book, reading diary, lunch box (if not having hot school meals). Pencil cases and equipment are provided in school.

Your child needs a **refillable water bottle** that is taken home daily for washing before returning to school the next day.

Please ensure all uniform is named.

Please ensure your children do not bring any toys/ cards from home into school.

### P.E Days

Lions: Monday and Wednesday

Zebras: Monday and Wednesday

Leopards: Tuesday and Wednesday

### The teachers in Phase 2 are:

Mrs Stankowski - Leopards

Mr Tearle - Lions

Miss Hunt - Zebras

### The adults supporting in Phase 2 are:

Mrs Fox, Mrs Waters, Mr Marshall and Miss Powell