

Y4 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. The children worked hard throughout Term 1 and I am confident that this effort will continue as we move towards the end of 2018. Can I take this opportunity to praise the children for their efforts with homework last term - I believe that they used this area of learning to really embed their knowledge. Keep it up!

Topic

Once again, on the back of this newsletter, you will find a Topic Web giving an overview of the topics that we will be studying this term. Any research that your child can do on these topics at home is always welcome in school and will be celebrated in class.

Field trip

Our topic this term is 'The History of Mangotsfield' and this will include a field trip to Mangotsfield village. A separate letter will be sent out nearer the time to outline details and ask for volunteers. Please keep a look out for this.

Supporting your child at home

Homework

Homework for Term 2 is attached to this newsletter and is also available to view on the school website. Some weekly activities to support your child's progression in Maths have been included. Please encourage your child to always use neat, joined handwriting whenever they are recording work.

Spellings

A list of the spelling patterns we will be focusing on for Term 2 has also been attached to this newsletter and again, will also be on the school website. On a Friday, we will continue to review what we have learnt, using dictated sentences.

Learn Its / Times Tables

The children are given three learn its each week and this is outlined on the homework given. It is important the children are practising these every day - this can include chanting them, rote learning multiple times and writing fact families ($2 \times 4 = 8$, $4 \times 2 = 8$, $8 \div 2 = 4$, $8 \div 4 = 2$). By the end of the week, the children should be able to recall them almost instantly. Remember to keep practising times tables whenever possible - the children should now be fluent using $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 5$ and $\times 10$ tables.

Reading

Another important area that you can support your child with at home is the enjoyment of reading across a wide range of genres and in their comprehension of what they have read. When your child reads at home, please either record this yourself or encourage them to write something in their reading record.

PE - days and information

We will have a PE session on Wednesday. The children will need a suitable PE kit in school, particularly outdoor clothing (long trousers, trainers and a jumper) because we will endeavour to go outside, when we can. Long hair needs to be tied back for all sporting activities and stud earrings will need to be removed, or covered in tape where this is not possible. Wednesday is also the day the class go swimming at Longwell Green.

Mr Wilson and Mrs Knight will continue to teach Blue Class on a Wednesday afternoon to cover my PPA time out of class and Mrs Sheldrick will continue to teach Blue Class on alternate Wednesday mornings. Our NEXUS PGCE trainee, Mrs Newton, will also be in class Monday to Thursday throughout Term 2.

It has been a pleasure to meet many parents during Term 1 - please remember my door is always open should you wish to raise an issue concerning your child's education or well-being.

Yours sincerely
Mrs P Foley