

# Koala Class – Winter Term



## **Welcome Back!**

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after Christmas. They have returned enthusiastically and ready for a busy term of hard work.

## **Snack and water**

Please send your child in with a healthy piece of fruit or vegetable that they can have at break time – crisps and biscuits are only for lunchtime - and please send your child in with a bottle of water.

## **PE Days**

Our PE days will be **Wednesday** and **Friday** and we ask that children come into school wearing their PE Kit on these days. Please see our uniform policy for PE Kits (note: no hooded tops). For this term we will be outside on a Wednesday and inside on a Friday.

## **Home/ School communication**

If you have any questions or messages for me or any of the other adults working in class, then please feel free to email or leave a message with the office – I will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Once again this term a list of the spellings for each week will be posted onto Google Classroom allowing children to work on spellings at home

As part of the homework, we still expect children should **read at home for at least 15 minutes every day**. Classes are regularly checking the 'Go Read' App in school to see who is logging their reading at home. If you are unsure about using this, please ask.

## **Playtimes**

Just a reminder that children need a coat in school EVERY day and that if they wish to go into the forest area at lunchtime they will need welly boots.

## **Home learning:**

The children will continue to be given an English or maths task each week and this will usually be due in on Tuesdays unless otherwise stated. Anyone not handing in the work on time will stay in for part of their lunchtime to complete the task.

**English:** This half term, children will be studying a book called 'The viewer' which is about a curious boy who finds an object at the city dump and then gets drawn into another world. Once we have completed this we will be reading '1001 Arabian Nights' a book of short fantasy stories.

Classes will be writing letters, descriptive pieces, persuasive speeches, poetry and a police report before moving onto story writing.

**Maths:** There is a lot to cover in maths where year 5 are looking at multiplying, dividing and decimals and in year 6 ratio, proportion, area, measure and percentages. Please encourage your children to access Times Table Rock stars at home as this will help to improve their timetable knowledge.

**Topic:** Our topic this term is The Ancient Kingdom of Benin. We will be looking at the chronology and geography of this African kingdom, their religious beliefs, how the kingdom developed and what historians find out about history from the artefacts they collect.

**Science:** Our Science this term is about the heart and healthy living. Children will be looking at the function of the circulatory system and how to keep healthy.

As a one-day event we will also be taking part in an RAF STEM day (free of charge) where children will join a live stream and investigate flight.

Best Wishes –Mrs. Knight