

# Koala Class – Spring 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 **Monday** 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 Monday and inside on a Friday. Some children will go swimming on a Monday instead of doing PE.

## 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** as well as practising on Times table Rock Stars.

## Playtimes

Just a reminder that children need a coat in school EVERY day and that if they wish to go onto the field at lunchtime they will need a change of shoes.

## 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 matchbox diary' which is about how a boy records his life with objects in matchboxes as he is unable to write a diary. His life involves emigrating from Italy to America which also has links to our invaders and settlers topic. Once we have completed this we will be reading 'Beowulf' a traditional legend as well as writing a visitor leaflet for the Anglo Saxon village at West Stow.

Classes will be writing letters, balanced arguments, recounts in role and poetry before moving on to 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 Invaders and Settlers focusing on the Anglo-Saxon's and Vikings. We will be looking at the chronology and geography of the countries involved, why they came to settle here and the impact they had on England and this local area in particular.

**Science:** Our Science this term is about evolution and inheritance. We will investigate how creatures evolve to suit their environment and consider the things that offspring inherit from their parents.

Best Wishes –Mrs. Knight