

Firefly 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.

Break time

Just a reminder that children **need a coat** in school **everyday** incase of cold/wet weather. Please send your child in with a healthy piece of fruit or vegetable that they can have at break time, and please send your child in with a bottle of water.

PE Days

Our PE days are back to being **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). Children will not be permitted to wear coats during PE, therefore should ensure they have a warm jumper that meets the policy. For this term we will be outside on a Monday 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, they will work on these every day in school.

As part of home learning, we still expect children should read at home for at least 15 minutes every day as well as use TTRS on a regular basis at home - all this is tracked on our school programmes.

Homework:

The children will continue to be given an English or maths task each week and this will usually be handed out and 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.

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, the function of blood and the relationships with exercise. Following this, they will be learning about the different stages of the human lifecycle.

Key Dates:

Young Voices - Tuesday 21st January
World Book day - Thursday 6th March
SATS - Monday 12th May
Eaton Vale - Wednesday 21st May

Best Wishes –Mr Bishop