



Firefly Class – Autumn Term

Welcome Back! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and we are amazed at how quickly they have settled into a new class and routines. They have returned enthusiastically and ready for a busy and very important year.

Snack and water: Please send your child in with a piece of fruit or vegetable that they can have at break time. Please also 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 the first half term we hope to have both sessions outside (weather permitting)

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 catch me on the playground or leave a message with the office - I will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Spelling/Reading: Weekly spellings will be on sheets that will be kept in a folder in school and children will be given time to write these out each day. 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**. Quizzes can be taken outside of school if your child finishes a book on Accelerated Reader. The amount a child is reading will be monitored on Accelerated Reader.

Home learning: The children will be given an English or maths task each week and this will 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 'Rose Blanche' which is about a German girl's life during World War II. As you might expect, this will touch upon some disturbing aspects of the war that will be looked at sensitively. Previous year groups have enjoyed looking at the conflict from this unusual perspective and dealt with the content in a very mature way. Classes will be writing letters, diary entries, persuasive speeches, poetry and news reports.

Maths: Our main focus this term will be on place value and the four operations: adding, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please encourage your children to access Times Table Rock Stars at home as this will help to improve the speed and accuracy of their times table knowledge, weekly sessions of this will be set, which we will monitor.

Topic:Our topic this term is World War II. We will be looking at the chronology and geography of the war and where possible linking this to local history from that time. If anyone has any old photographs of the village from this time we would love to be able to share them with the children as part of our learning and study of Lakenheath.

Science: Our Science this term is Light. Children will be looking at how we see, the relationship between light sources, shadows and colour.

Best Wishes - Mr Bishop