



## **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 - crisps, biscuits, cheese and popcorn are only for lunchtime. Please also send your child in with a bottle of water.

**PE Days** Our PE days will be **Tuesday** 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 email 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.

**Home learning:** The children will 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 'Floodland'. This is set in East Anglia in the future where water levels have risen leaving large parts flooded and places like Norwich and Ely have become islands. Our upcoming trip to Ely Cathedral will show the children the real life setting for the story. Writing tasks will include descriptive and persuasive pieces as well as story writing.

**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.

**Topic:** Our topic this term is Sustainable Earth. We will be working on geography skills, consider the environmental challenges facing our World and consider how things might be improved for future generations.

**Science:** Our Science the first half term will be Forces and the second half term will be Earth and Space.

Best Wishes - Mr Bishop