



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 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 **Thursday** and **Friday** and we ask that children come into school wearing their PE Kit on these days. For the first half term we hope to have both sessions outside (weather permitting). Please see our uniform policy for PE Kits (note: no hooded tops) a jumper will be required with the weather turning quickly.

Home/ School communication books

We have made the decision not to continue with these books this year. From now on 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. 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. As part of the homework, we still expect children should **read at home for at least 15 minutes every day**. A record of this will now be kept on 'go read' a new App we are using. Information on the log in for your child should have been sent home separately.

Home learning (Homework):

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. Children must also read every day for 15 minutes.

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 new reports.

Maths: Our main focus this term will be concentrating 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 their timetable knowledge.

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.

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

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