

Dear Parents,

Hopefully everyone has had a lovely break, whether at home or away, and that the children are refreshed, ready to settle down to class routines and activities.

Literacy and topic will continue as outlined in our Term 1. In numeracy, our focus in multiplication will be learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of learning multiplication facts and developing speed and accuracy in recalling them as this knowledge will underpin most of the number work your child will encounter in Primary School and beyond. If children know their multiplication facts, they will find much of their future number work more straightforward. Homework will reflect children's progress through the term and your support in practising these number facts, as we learn them in class, will be greatly appreciated. With regard to spelling, please note that words being sent home are to encourage learning and recognition of sounds which will then be assessed very informally the following week. Reading will continue to be taught on alternative days of the week and, as ever, your support in spending time hearing your child reading, supporting them in sounding out words and engaging them in questioning and discussion of the book, is most beneficial. Please note that across all P3 classes, children will currently be reading a wider variety of books and genres as a variation from solely Oxford Reading Tree books. The purpose of this is to further develop comprehension skills, to enrich and extend children's vocabulary by exposing them to less familiar words which will frequently, particularly so in factual books, necessitate your support in sounding out words. Children will also benefit in the variation of genres, such as factual books, poems and plays, in terms of stimulating individual interests in reading and inspiring their writing.

Golden Time

In order to further support children's social and cooperative working skills, please encourage your child to bring along a simple board game or activity suitable for sharing as opposed to electronic devices. Your continued assistance in promoting appropriate, positive behaviour in both the class and playground is crucial and very much appreciated.

Term 2:

Science - Monday (Mrs Middleton)

PE - Tuesday (Mr Waz) and Thursday - please remember indoor shoes and gym kit.

Art - Thursday (Miss Thomson) - please bring in tunic or old t-shirt/shirt.

Library- P3 Friday weekly (please remember to return library books).

I look forward to meeting you at either of the following meetings (to be allocated as per request form):

Parent/Teacher consultation Wednesday 2nd 6-8:30pm and Thursday 3rd November 3:45-6:15pm

Kind Regards,

Mrs Muir