

Topic Letter Spring 1

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a lovely family break! Thank you so much for your lovely cards and presents 😊

In the first week back, we are looking at the whole school SUMO motto : Carpe Diem : seize the day. We have chosen to look at the first black female astronaut, Mae Jemison and how she truly lives out this motto in her life. Our new topic for this half term is based on elements of Toy Story.

This is how our weeks will plan out

- Week One - Carpe Diem SCARF (PSHE) week
- Week Two - Dinosaurs / Volcanoes
- Week Three - Dinosaurs / Volcanoes
- Week Four - Old Toys
- Week Five - Multifaith week. Islam study through the story 'The Proudest Blue.' and Chinese New Year!

Each week we teach the theme through stories and film clips. This is then followed through in the classroom, for example: Our weeks are flexible and we will plan from the children's interests and questions.



The children will continue with daily phonics sessions. We have fully completed Phase 2. The children have been amazing - we are so proud of them! We have restarted Phase 3 which sees us complete the graphemes missing from the alphabet and move onto consonant and vowel digraphs and trigraphs.

Please continue to support your child through practising the new sounds and recapping on previous sounds through completing sound folder work. The children are getting really good at writing independently so it would be great if they can practise this with you at home. This can be done through writing shopping lists, writing little notes to someone, making a scrap book and writing captions etc.



Home reading books will continue to be sent out on the days as last term, please listen to your child read as often as you can and add a comment in the reading record. It

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would be beneficial if you could keep looking at the key word vocabulary in the books and help your child learn high frequency words that are in them. It would also be of great benefit to help your child practise writing their surnames in the cursive style.



In this term we will be consolidating our work in number from last term. We continue to look at numbers within 10, recognising, ordering, comparing, talking about their composition and writing the numerals. We will find out about properties of 2D shapes focussing on squares and rectangles. We will also start to look at measurement focussing on mass and capacity.



PE kits- We will continue with our PE sessions on a Thursday so please could you send back into school PE t-shirt, shorts and black pumps in a bag to leave them in your child's locker. Please make sure they are all named.

Bits and bobs!!

- Please could you make sure that all clothing is named, especially cardigans and jumpers.
- We will continue to go out to Woodland Wednesday - please make sure your child has suitable warm clothing and wellies for this fun afternoon!

We continue to be so grateful for all of the help and support you provide. The children are such a lovely bunch to teach, we are incredibly lucky!

Please come and find us if you need to ask or talk about anything - our door is always open and you can Dojo too!

With Regards

Mrs Hothersall, Mrs Mesghali and Miss Radcliffe

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