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Autumn Newsletter.

6th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to start by saying a huge welcome back to school and especially to the small leaning community (SLC). We hope you have all had a superb and fun filled holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead as we have lots of exciting things planned this year, which we are sure your child will thoroughly enjoy.

Each term you will receive a brief newsletter from myself outlining everything you need to know about upcoming events and how we believe you can help make the most of your child's time in their new class.

Reading:

Children must practise their reading at least three times each week. We are asking parents to please write a comment in their reading record each time and make sure both reading books and records are brought to school daily. Reading should be an enjoyable activity for both yourself and your child, so we would like you to talk about the books with your child where possible to allow them to understand what they are reading.

Spellings:

Children will be given spellings on a Monday which will be stapled into their reading record. Each week we will be looking at them every day and children will be tested on a Friday. Learning spellings is extremely important as the children will be expected to apply these correctly throughout their writing in school.

Times tables:

Children are asked to learn their times tables as these can help children with mental calculations throughout school. Any practise and support with this at home is hugely welcomed, as times tables and number fact knowledge will form the basis of number as they progress through school. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know times the table facts for all 12 times tables if possible.

Topic and trips:

Our English topic this term is based on the book 'The journey' by Aaron Becker. This is a picture book which will allow the children to use their imagination as they delve into a magical adventure world. In Science this term, we are looking at Materials and rocks, as this links nicely with our history topic 'The Romans' as well as having a geography focus on Italy.





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In addition to our topics this year, we are planning on taking part in lots of cooking and hands on learning. I feel that this will be exciting for the children and have a greater impact on their learning. Please could you inform myself or the school office if there are any dietary requirements which I will need to know about in advance of this. Children will be joining their current year groups for any trips throughout this year. Details of these will follow when finalised.

PE:

Can we also remind you that PE kits can be brought in to school and can be left for the half term which saves the children forgetting it on a weekly basis. PE will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday and be outside if possible (weather permitting). A reminder that all jewellery should be removed on PE days, suitable clothing worn (black shorts and white t-shirt) and plimsolls/trainers for outdoor lessons.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat with us.

Thank you,

Miss Kendall, Mrs Treloar and Miss Hood

3rd September 2019

