



Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to you all in SLC. It has been fantastic seeing all of your smiling faces returning to school this week, after what has been the strangest year you and I will have ever experienced without a doubt.

Over this term, I am confident the children will thoroughly enjoy working on our new topics. Our Curriculum is full of wonderful, exciting lessons and the children will be joining in with lots of practical learning alongside developing and deepening their knowledge along the way. We will begin the term with a geography focus. We will be looking at the United Kingdom and its geographical features. We will look at cities, mountains, rivers and of course our local area as well. Our art focus this half term will also link to the UK. We will be recreating famous art from landscapes within the UK as previously done by the great artist Monet. During the second half term, the children will have a history focus. We will be looking at life from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age, where we will also be making lots of things which will support our DT lessons. In Science this term, will be learning all about forces. We will be investigating and recording our results from a number of experiments, I can't wait for this as it's going to be so much fun!

PE

We will be completing an hour of PE every Monday afternoon and Friday afternoon and this will alternate between Outdoor and Adventurous and Dance. Please make sure children have a white top, black shorts and appropriate PE shoes in school in their PE bag provided by school every Monday and we will send it home for washing on a Friday. Black tracksuit bottoms can also be worn during winter.

Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this terms 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children will change their books every Monday. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last year's reading parties were a huge success. We will be doing the same thing this term so get those three weekly reads in!

School Trips

Due to recent events, we don't have an Autumn Term trip planned currently but I do aim to take the children out into the local area every few weeks to further our learning in school. More information will be sent out to you regarding this. Library visits will also take place at some point this term, again, more information will be sent out regarding this.

Homework

Homework in the Autumn Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. In addition to this, pupils will receive times tables to learn. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me on ekendall@handale.rac.sch.uk

Thank you,
Miss Kendall and Miss Hood