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SLC Newsletter

Summer Term 2021

Dear Parent,

We have had a great start to the Summer Term, with all children being back at school. I am really looking forward to seeing the children flourish as they are enjoying being back with their friends. They have returned with a fantastic attitude towards learning and it fills me with confidence that the gaps which they may of had in their learning will be successfully narrowed. We have returned to our daily timetable now and interventions are working well within class.

Summer Term Curriculum

Topic work this half term will focus on our Geography theme: 'The Mediterranean'. Our work will be looking at the countries surrounding this area, the climate, tourism and food! In English we will be looking at adventure stories and working on the book 'The snail and the whale' by Julia Donaldson. In Science, we will be learning all about Animals including Humans as well as looking at what our body needs.

In Art, we will be creating lots of sea scape paintings to reflect on our Mediterranean topic.

We will be completing PE every Monday afternoon and this will be focussing on competitive games. Please make sure children have a white top, black shorts and appropriate PE shoes in school every week. PE kits must be brought to school on a Monday and they will be sent home on a Thursday evening.

Reading at home and in school

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 do not expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child will not get bored. Our Read for the Stars programme has begun again so the children will be receiving stars each week, working towards our reading party to celebrate their success.

Homework

Homework in the Summer 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, please encourage your children to learn their times tables. These are extremely important and help with all aspects of

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maths. 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss them. Here's to a great end to our Summer term!

Thank you,

Miss Kendall and Miss Hood