

# Mrs. Loring's Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a super summer. This half-term, learning continues to be focused around Science and Geography, and our topic title is: What would it be like to live in a different country? Please see the attached topic spidergram, which details what we will be learning.

## Homework - Reading

Please continue to help your child to make good progress with their reading. Reading a little every day at home is crucial in order to increase fluency and strengthen sight vocabulary. Each Monday, we will send one or two books home for your child to read throughout the week. If your child masters these books quickly, please continue to practise them, so your child can work on fluency and speed. We have found that children become more confident in reading if they 'over learn' a book, as opposed to moving on to a different text too quickly.

Your child will also have a phonics/word card to work on. These are made up of specific phonic sounds, along with real and nonsense words that contain these sounds. Again, regular practice will speed up your child's acquisition of phonics, which they can then apply to their writing.

We will indicate which sounds we are focusing on each week in your child's home reading record.

## PE and PE kits

PE days this half term are planned for **Monday** and **Tuesday** afternoons, but we have to be flexible. and days may change at short notice. Please make sure your child has their PE kit (indoor and outdoor) in school every day so they can participate in our sessions if the day changes.

**Kit:** blue/black shorts, white t-shirt, trainers or pumps

blue/black jogging bottoms and hoodie/fleece for outdoor sessions

Please note, the grass can be still damp (or recently cut!) when we go out for our daily mile and PE sessions, so it is vital that children have trainers/pumps in their kit.

Children will not be allowed to use the shoes they come to school in for outdoor PE, and an indoor alternative exercise opportunity will be provided for them indoors.

## Milk

Now that all the children in class 2 have turned 5, they may continue to have daily milk, but at a cost of £8 per term. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to continue having milk this year.

## Topic Detectives.

Children have until Monday 16th October to produce some creative work based around this half-term's learning. Examples of creative work could be: keeping a daily weather chart at home; making a rain collector to measure rainfall each day; making a house from a hot or a cold country - a mud hut/wigwam/igloo; making an outfit for a child from a hot or a cold country - a grass skirt maybe! You could help your child to create a picture showing a cold or hot place. It really can be anything creative that supports any of the learning objectives on the planning spidergram. The focus is on producing quality work, which your child can talk about, including how their work has helped them to think about our topic.

## Diary Dates

18.09.17	Training day
21.09.17	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's
25.09.17	RE Themed week – Creation
27.09.17	Open morning for parents
5.10.17	Parents' Themed week assembly
20.10.17	Child of Achievement Assembly 2.30 Half term
30.10.17	Training day
31.10.17	Children back to school

Thank you