



Wednesday 7th November

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a happy Halloween and Bonfire Night!

Our learning

This half-term our learning will focus around the theme of Antarctica and penguins. We will be learning about the 17 different species of penguin and making powerpoint presentations about them. We will look at how penguins are adapted to their environment. We will be learning about Antarctica and how global warming is changing it. We will find out about Captain Scott's expedition to Antarctica and how an iceberg sank the Titanic. Please see the reverse of this letter for more detail about what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas. It's also that time of year again when we will, of course, also be rehearsing for the performance of our Christmas play!

Homework

Homework will have a Maths focus this half-term as most homework last half-term was Literacy based. Homework is sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday each week. Children earn a smiley face for Golden Time for completing and returning their homework on time and it will help them to earn 5 points in behaviour and work for their House Point Team, as well as helping them with their learning. Late or incomplete homework will result in consequences such as missing playtimes and scoring 0 points for their House Point Team. Please help your child to earn the rewards.

Spellings

Spellings to learn will be sent home on a Monday and children will be tested the following Monday. Please help your child to learn their spellings by encouraging them to use the 'look, cover, write, check' method and/or by looking at any spelling patterns in the set of words. A smiley face for Golden Time is awarded to children who score 8, 9 or 10 out of 10. Sadly, children who score below 5 will miss a playtime to learn their spellings as it is really important that they know them.

Reading

Reading should be a little every day whenever possible. Children are rewarded with a smiley face for Golden Time for reading at least once in a week. A golden ticket will also be awarded to children every time they read at home. A golden ticket will be drawn during Golden Time and a prize awarded to its owner. More tickets = more chance of winning! Please help your child to earn these rewards by reading lots at home... it will really benefit your child's learning. Please remind your child to bring their book bag every day – a smiley face is also awarded for this 😊

PE

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week, including suitable pumps or trainers, to ensure that your child does not miss out on this important part of the curriculum. PE days change, so please bring your kit on Monday and don't take it home until Friday. We are very lucky to have a Sports coach this term so please make sure your child's kit is in school so that they can take part. Please ensure all clothing is named.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who sends their child or children to school wearing the correct uniform. House points awarded to children take into account your child's uniform so please keep it up! Please, please, please put your child's name in all of their clothing. We are much more likely to reunite a child with a missing jumper if it has their name in it.

Water bottles

Thank you for your support regarding children's water bottles. The water bottles school have purchased for every child are ensuring that all children are hydrated all day – great for improving their concentration, memory and attention.

Dates for your diary

Friday 9th November
Friday 16th November
Friday 19th December
Friday 21st December

Remembrance service
Children in Need
Class 2W Christmas play performance
Last day of term. Church 2pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Watson.

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