

Miss Watson's Class Newsletter

Monday 6th June 2016

Welcome back to school and to your new class! I hope you enjoyed the half-term break.

Our learning

Please see the attached sheet for what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas.

Homework

Homework will be sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday each week. A few children in Miss Watson's class are going to Mrs. Loring for English. These children will receive their homework from Mrs. Loring, and will need to return it to Mrs. Loring. Look at the task in your homework book to see who this applies to.

Spelling

Most children in Miss Watson's class will be starting our Read Write Inc. Spelling programme this week, and these children will be bringing home a Spelling Log Book. During class, children will be keeping a log of spellings that they personally need to learn. They will be allowed to keep this book in their book bag so they can practise these words at home. Although they won't be formally tested on these words each week (enabling children to bring home spellings that are much more individual to suit their own precise needs) it is still really important for your child's learning that you spend time on these spellings. This also forms part of your child's homework each week, as you will see when you read the task in their homework book. Children who bring evidence of practising at home (e.g. parent/carer signature next to the spellings in the log book each week or scrap paper with spellings written on) will be rewarded with house points.

* It is really important that children bring their Log Books back to school every day as we will be using them as part of our spelling lesson each day. These books cannot be replaced – aside from the cost, the books will be filled with words that *your* child has found difficult. *

Children who are not yet ready to start this programme will be going to spelling in Mrs. Loring's class – you will receive additional information rather than a Spelling Log Book if this is the case.

Reading

Please help your child to succeed by listening to them read as often as you can. The more often you can read with your child, the more fluent they will become and the easier they will find all aspects of their learning. Please record reading at home in your child's Reading Diary. Books in book bags are changed every Friday (unless your child hasn't finished with them – please ensure comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

Phonics

Some children are still working on Read, Write Inc. Phonics. If this is the case, you will find a phonics mat in your child's book bag this week. Please look out for it and help your child to progress in Phonics by listening to them read the sounds and words on their phonics mat. Just 5 minutes a day could really make a difference.

PE

PE will be on a Monday and a Tuesday afternoon this half-term. Depending on timing, children may be allowed to leave school wearing their PE kit after some sessions. If you would rather your child gets changed back into their uniform before leaving, please just let me know. Please make sure your child has their PE kit every week, including suitable footwear. Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms and trainers, should also be in your child's kit.

* Please ensure all clothing is named. *

Please remember that shorts/tracksuit bottoms should be navy blue or black and t-shirts should be white.

Water bottles

Water improves concentration, learning, health, wellbeing and happiness! Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day, containing only water, especially as the weather is heating up. Please remember sun cream and sun hats.

Resources

Please send in newspapers for our Art projects if you have them.

Rewards

* A reminder about expectations and how to be the best we can be... *

Children can earn three green stickers every week for their behaviour, work and attendance. Children who have earned enough green stickers by the end of the half-term become an 'Always Child' and receive a certificate in assembly. * Only 'Always Children' who earn enough green stickers will be rewarded with a special Golden Time in the last afternoon of the half-term. * Children are given their green stickers on a Monday for the previous week. Please encourage your child by talking to them about their stickers.

How you can earn each of your green stickers:

Behaviour – don't move into the 'yellow zone' on our 'traffic light' system by making the wrong choices e.g. talking, shouting out, being silly – if you do, improve your behaviour quickly so that you don't end up in the 'red zone'. Children who enter the 'red zone' will not receive a green sticker for behaviour. Children who enter the 'yellow zone' more than twice in a week will not receive a green sticker for behaviour.

Work – children must complete their homework **and** reading at home by Friday each week, **as well as** doing their best with all of their class work. Children must also have their book bag, Spelling Log (if they have one) and water bottle every day, have the correct PE kit every Monday and Tuesday, and wear the correct school uniform (please ensure clothing is named.)

Attendance – you can't help it if you're poorly, but please make sure the school office is phoned so that we know where you are as we need to know you are safe. Green stickers are only awarded to children who arrive **on time** when the classroom doors open at 8.50am.

Children are given three chances (e.g. three green stickers not earned) so that children aren't penalised just for being poorly for example, but three chances should be plenty. Please help and encourage your child to earn their green stickers. It is really important to help them to achieve their full potential, and will prevent there being any disappointed children during our Golden Time on the last afternoon of the half-term.

Book Fair

Just a reminder that there will be a book fair in the school hall after school from Monday 20th June – Thursday 23rd June. You will be able to buy two books and get a third one free. School will get between 40-60% off a book order, depending on how many books are sold, to help restock and rejuvenate our libraries. Please help us raise funds for new books, whilst buying two books and getting one free for your own children to enjoy.

Dates for your diary

* Please see the attached sheet for lots of important dates. *

New Class

After this week, once your child has settled into their new class, please leave them at the outside door to come into the school building and their classroom on their own. This is an important step in developing your child's independence. Thank you for your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I am always happy to help.

*Yours sincerely,
Miss H. Watson*

