



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break.

Our learning

This half term our topic will be about dragons. Please see the reverse of this letter for more detail about what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas.

Homework

Homework, alternating between Literacy and Maths, 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 their green sticker for work each week. Children who earn enough green stickers throughout the half-term get a certificate and a prize at the beginning of the next half-term. Please help your child to earn the rewards, as homework is also an important part of your child's learning.

Reading

Reading should be a little every day if possible. Children are rewarded with a smiley face for Golden Time for reading at least once in a week – please make sure you've written about it in their Reading Diary. A green sticker for work is only awarded to children who read at home **and** complete homework every week. We are also awarding a bookmark prize to children in Celebration Assembly for their efforts in reading. Please help your child earn these rewards by reading lots at home... it really benefits your child's learning. Please remember book bags every day – a smiley face is also awarded for this. Books in book bags will be changed every **Friday** this half-term (unless your child hasn't finished with them – please ensure comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

Poetry Journals

Poetry Journals are sent home every Monday. Please remember to read the Poem of the Week with your child and remember to return it every Monday for a new poem. Please remember that sharing the poem plays a vital role in developing a love of words and a rich bank of language in your child's memory, influencing your child's reading and writing development, as well as earning them an extra smiley face for Golden Time.

Spellings

Spellings to learn are sent home to children 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 is awarded to children who score 8, 9 or 10 out of 10.

PE

PE will be with our coaches on a Monday afternoon this half term. Please make sure your child has their PE kit, including pumps or trainers. 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. Year 3s will also have PE on a Tuesday afternoon this half-term.

Forest Schools

Year 2s will be going to the forest on a Tuesday afternoon this half term. Please remember to return your permission slip if you haven't already, and bring suitable clothing.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who sends their child(ren) to school wearing the correct uniform, which helps to earn those house points! Please name all of your child's clothing.

Water bottles

Please remember that your child should always have a water bottle in school, and that it should only contain water.

Dates for your diary

**Friday 6th March** – World Book Day – children are invited to dress as a dragon, princess or knight.

**Thursday 12th March** – Mother's Day service at church 9.15

**WC: 23rd March** – Science themed week

**Wednesday 25th March** – Parent's Evening 3.30-5pm

**Thursday 26th March** – Parent's Evening 5-8

**Wednesday 1st April** – Open morning 9-10.30

**Wednesday 1st April** – Themed week assembly 10.30

**Thursday 2nd April** – Easter Parade, Easter Service, Child of Achievement, last day of term

**Friday 3rd April** – Good Friday – SCHOOL CLOSED

**Monday 20th April** – Return to school

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

Yours sincerely, Miss H. Watson

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