



Tuesday 25th February 2014

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a good half-term break.

Our learning

This half term we are having an RE themed week, which will continue beyond the week, with a focus on stories of creation in different religions. After this, Class 2 will have a dragon topic to help inspire some wonderful fiction writing. 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 for children in Miss Watson's set is sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday each week. Homework is a vital part of your child's learning but also earns them a smiley face when it is completed and returned on time. Late or incomplete homework will result in consequences such as missing house points for their team. Thank you for supporting your child's learning and for helping them to earn the rewards.

Poetry Journals

Thanks to everyone who's reading the Poem of the Week and for remembering to return it every Monday. Ten house points and a smiley face are awarded for this. The journal 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.

Spellings

Spellings to learn are sent home to children in Miss Watson's set 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.

Reading

Reading should be a little every day if possible. Children are rewarded with a smiley face for reading at least once in a 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 awarded for this. Books in book bags are changed every Friday (unless your child hasn't finished with them– please ensure comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

PE

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week, including pumps or trainers. Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms and trainers, should also be in your child's kit. PE days change, so please bring your kit on Monday and don't take it home until Friday. Please ensure all clothing is named. Please remember the appropriate clothing for Forest Schools, which is for Year 3s on a Wednesday afternoon this half-term.

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 and remember coats, hats, gloves and scarves for the cold weather.

Water bottles

Please remember that water bottles should only contain water.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 3rd March – RE themed week begins**
- Friday 7th March – World Book Day – dress as an animal**
- Thursday 13th March – Parent/carer themed week assembly at 2.15pm**
- Wednesday 19th March – Parent/Carer's evening 3.30-5pm**
- Thursday 20th March – Parent/Carer's evening 5-8pm**

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Wednesday 2nd April – Activity morning
Friday 4th April – Last day, break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April – School starts

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss H. Watson