

Spring 2019

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

As ever, we have an exciting term ahead with lots of interesting topics and trips ~ we have included information on these for you to look at on the website. Feel free to ask any questions along the way.



Our topic this term is 'Chocolate' which incorporates work on the Mayans and Rainforests – we are excited about our trip to The Eden Project as well as learning about and exploring Henri Rousseau's art work.

Accelerated Reading will continue into the new year. It is of great benefit to your child if you regularly read or participate in 'book talk' with your child, whatever their level of reading. **Please ensure all reading material is recorded in the same yellow books as well as AR books,** so we have a full record of their regular reading. This can include any reading material – comics, magazines, newspapers etc.

Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and needs to be returned to school the following Monday. Occasionally maths homework will include written or memory tasks, but usually it will involve activities on MyMaths. Login issues should now have been ironed out, but please let us know if you have any problems. As ever, any additional support you can provide for your child, particularly with times tables and spelling, is always valuable.

PE lessons will fall on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term but it is **vital** that all children have a full PE kit with them **everyday** as occasionally we have to make changes to PE sessions. We have very little spare kit in school and children do get concerned when they need to borrow kit from others. Just a reminder – the kit includes a white t-shirt, navy shorts or joggers, and a pair of outdoor trainers with spare socks (especially for tights wearers and if we venture onto the field). To keep warm during the winter months, a navy sweatshirt or jumper would be handy too. Handball will be our spring focus sport but we will also be taking advantage of any drier, sunnier days after half term and introducing tennis too. We will also be continuing with our Wild Woodland Learning sessions when 'outdoor' clothing will be required – **children will be given notice of these days and emails will be sent home too.** Again, it is vital that children come equipped for a cold or wet weather experience and wellies, gloves, warm coats etc are imperative.



Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day. In addition to bringing in a daily break time snack, we also encourage children to bring in a fresh water bottle daily to keep in the classroom.

The teaching team in class 3 is as follows: Mrs Jo Woods will be teaching Monday to Wednesday lunchtime. Mrs Anne Smart will teach from Wednesday afternoon through to Friday. Mrs Ryder will be teaching music and French over the term too. We will continue to be supported by Sue Trott each day of the week.

We hope everyone enjoys the beginning of the new term and thank you for your continued support.

Anne Smart & Jo Woods