

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

#### Dear Parents

Welcome to the summer term. We hope you all enjoyed your Easter break. Below is an outline of topics that we will be covering during the Summer Term.

#### Topics:

- Science: Seasonal changes; Plants; Habitats and Homes.
- History: Royal Wedding
- Geography: Oceans and Continents; Our Local Area
- Art/DT: Bedroom designs; Homes
- PE: Athletics
- RE: Are some stories more important than others? Do we need shared special places?
- ICT: Coding; Paint
- Music: Linked to curriculum topics

# Useful Websites

Literacy and Numeracy games: <u>www.ictgames.com</u> and <u>www.coolmath-games.com</u> Science: <u>www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5\_6/science\_5\_6.shtml</u> Phonics: <u>www.phonicsplay.co.uk</u>

# Physical Education:

PE will take place on a Thursday and a Friday in the hall and outside. Your child will need named shorts, tracksuit bottoms, T Shirt, and trainers with them at the start of the week. Feel free to take their PE kits home at the end of the school week to wash. But please make sure they are back in on the Monday.

# Reading:

Your child will need to bring their reading book to school every day. They should read at home every day. Please supplement reading with books from the local library. This is very important as it will broaden the reading and understanding of different words and encourages interest in their selection of reading. Please record what your child has read in the yellow contact diary. This is important as we will change the home reading book when it has been read twice. Book change occurs on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to come in and hear readers it would be much appreciated.

#### Library:

We visit the school library every Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their library book on that day.

# Spellings:

We do not have spelling tests at this point; spellings will be given as part of their English lesson. We will however issue a spelling worksheet every Monday to consolidate spelling and phonic patterns.

It would be beneficial if you could help your child to read and spell Reception, Year One and Year Two High Frequency Words over the course of the year. These are listed at the end of this letter.

# Homework:

A piece of Literacy and Numeracy will be given out on a Friday. Occasionally topic related work will also be given as homework. Homework will be differentiated to suit group abilities. The homework is designed to consolidate the work that the children have been covering during the week therefore your child should be able to complete the homework with little to no support. If your child would like to do extra work please create your own worksheet based on what's been set. Please remember that it is quality not quantity! Completed homework needs to be returned in their homework file by the following Wednesday.

# **Phonics**

We teach phonics daily in phase groups, according to ability. We use the scheme Letters and Sounds. Your child will know which phase they are in. There are plenty of websites that you can access to support your child's learning; an example would be <u>www.phonicsplay.co.uk</u>

Many Thanks Mrs Croft and Mrs Groom