

Cadmore End C of E Combined School

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

A very warm welcome back for the Autumn Term. A special welcome to our new children and parents. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and have managed to have a relaxing break. We are delighted to be teaching the exciting topic of 'The Victorians' this term so the children will be learning about conditions in Victorian times, scientific discoveries, major inventions as well as some fantastic literature and art from the period. I am sure the children will enjoy the scope of the topic and the cross-curricular opportunities. They will be able to develop their literacy and numeracy skills with our new enhanced curriculum, plus build on their research skills. Homework will be an opportunity to deepen learning to secure the skills we are working on in school. We aim to give the children more opportunities to develop their independence and take more responsibility, both for their learning and their personal, social and moral development. This will include taking on specific responsibilities such as librarians and spelling experts. Please let us know if your child has any particular interests or skills that you would like to tell us about!

P.E. this term is on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, taught by Mrs. Caine. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. Please kindly ensure your child is fully kitted and organized with all PE kits named including trainers and plimsolls. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Outdoor Learning will also be taking place on a Tuesday afternoon, whatever the weather! Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, e.g. waterproofs and wellies which have been named.

Home-learning is a positive opportunity for you and your child to spend time together and discuss learning and there is an expectation for some learning to be undertaken at home. The most important aspect is the quality and effort that the children put into the task, it should never be too onerous nor should it ever create stress. If for any reason home-learning cannot be completed, please inform us via the homework book.

The home-learning tasks will be given at the beginning of each half term and consist of a choice of 9 different cross curricular activities that allow the pupil to choose their learning. One piece of homework must be completed each week. Some of the activities are compulsory and are indicated by an asterisk and these must be completed over the half term. The choices of the home-learning tasks are carefully chosen to support the curriculum and will appropriately match children's individual needs. Children will also be set quick practice Homework Sums (arithmetic) each week. Spelling, reading and times-tables are important aspects of home-learning and the expectations are as follows:

Homework is sent home on a Thursday and due in for the following Tuesday. Spellings are sent home on a Tuesday to be tested on the following Tuesday.

- * Reading (child or parent to record details in Reading record). At least 20 minutes daily.

- * Occasional language/comprehension tasks or research tasks may be set as required.

- * Cracking times tables

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We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet The Teachers' evening later this month. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bowring and Mrs O'Neill.