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Class Teacher – Mrs Hannaford

Higher Level Teaching Assistant and PPA Cover
(Thursday afternoon) – Mrs Forshaw

General Information



- School starts at 8:50am
- 8:50am – 10:30am – Worship and Maths
- 10:30am-10:45am – Break
- 10:45am-12:30pm – Guided reading and Writing
- 12:30pm-1:15pm – Lunch
- 1:15pm-3:20pm – Afternoon session
- School finishes at 3:20pm

- Please ensure you are signed up to Class Dojo and check it regularly for any important information or messages.
- Please ensure you inform myself or Mrs Forshaw if your child is being collected by someone else – we are unable to release your child to another adult without this communication (this could be done via dojo).

Class Rules, Rewards and Behaviour Policy

- Our class and school rules have been agreed with the children
- Class Dojo is our main rewards system – A weekly champion is announced at the end of the week. They receive a certificate, 2 prizes from our prize box as well as their name displayed in class for the week.
- Other in-class rewards – gel pens for excellent effort with handwriting and presentation in all lessons, table Dojo points
- Weekly awards celebrated in front of the whole school (Learner of the Week and 'Always')

Our Autumn Term curriculum is as follows;-



Maths: In Maths this half term, we will be focussing on place value and addition and subtraction.

- TT Rockstars practise 3 times per week is part of the weekly homework required (10-15 minute sessions) so children can rapidly recall multiplication facts. At the end of Year 3, all pupils need to confidently recall and apply their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. By the end of Year 4, children in England sit the Multiplication Tables check. The end of Year 4 requirement is that children must know all of their times tables up to 12×12 .

English: The books we will be studying this term are 'Seal Surfer' by Michael Foreman and 'Winter's Child' by Angela McAllister. We will complete a range of writing activities based on these books.

Reading

- Children have the opportunity to read every day in school.
- All children have a reading book which they bring in each day and take home each evening. All children are expected to read for 20 minutes at home, at least 3 times per week– shared and/or independently. Parents need to sign diaries 3 times per week to show reading at home. We collect reading diaries every WEDNESDAY and record home reading. 5 Dojo points are awarded each week to children who complete the required reading.
- Children have reading time built into the school day as well for reading. We have some shared spaces around school and in the classroom where children can read.
- Children have been assessed at the end of Y2 to make sure they have the most appropriate book band. We have class libraries and shared Key Stage library spaces. Children are able to change their school reading books twice each week on TUESDAY and FRIDAY, but are not required to change it each time if they have not finished it.



The Importance of Reading

- Results from the world's largest study of school-aged reading habits showed that children who make more than expected progress in reading, meeting and/or exceeding their age expectation, read for an extra 6 minutes per day, compared to their peers. An extra 6 minutes per day equates to 2190 extra minutes per year = an extra 36.5 hours per year. That's 255.5 hours in total throughout primary school
- Studies suggest that from age 6, children no longer gain new vocabulary from adults, but rather from the vocabulary they are exposed to
- Children who read books often gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling
- Studies have found that reading for pleasure enhances empathy, understanding of the self, and the ability to understand one's own and others' identities
- Studies have shown that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of self-esteem and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations
- Children who enjoy reading are three times more likely to have good mental wellbeing than children who don't enjoy it

Fostering a pleasure for reading it all adds up!



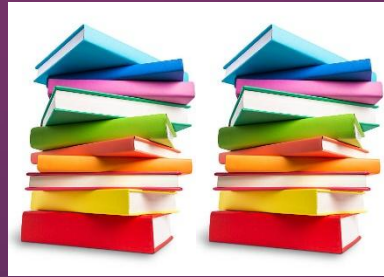
IF YOU READ A NEW BOOK EVERY WEEK...

By the time a child
starts school aged 4



they will have read
208 books

By the time a child
reaches the end of
Year 2, aged 7



they will have read
364 books

By the time a child
finishes primary
school aged 11



they will have read
572 books



This half term we will be learning about; -

Science – Animals including Humans

History – Romans

Art – Sculpture and 3D

Music – Ballads

R.E – Harvest

PSHE - Being Me in My World

Spanish – Fortnightly with Mrs McQuillan

P.E – Rugby and Fundamental Skills

Year 3 will have their P.E lessons on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (Fundamental skills taught by Mrs Hannaford) and THURSDAY AFTERNOON (Tag Rugby with Warrington Wolves) this half term.



P.E Kit List

T-shirt (can be plain white or one with the school logo)

Shorts (plain purple)

Tracksuit bottoms (plain black)

Sensible trainers

For Health and Safety reasons, if your child has pierced ears, please ensure they take their earrings out on P.E days.

Children need to come into school wearing their P.E kits on P.E days.
These days are WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY this half term.

SRE: Will be covered in Summer Term 2. Information will be provided nearer the time.

Trips: Planned Trips (so far) are as follows:

Autumn 1 –

Roman Museum Chester (Tuesday 7th October – details to be confirmed)

Tag Rugby Festival with Warrington Wolves (details to be confirmed)

Water Bottles

It is important for your child's well-being that he/she has access to fresh water throughout the day. Please make sure a clearly named water bottle is provided, which will be taken home each day to be cleaned and refilled for the following day. Children are able to keep their water bottles next to their desks.

Uniform

Please ensure all pieces of your child's uniform are clearly labelled with their name. Children are responsible for looking after their uniform in school. Below is a reminder of our school uniform requirements;

- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- White polo shirt / white shirt.
- School purple sweatshirt / cardigan
- Sensible shoes (not trainers) – black, flat and supporting.
- Grey / white socks or dark tights.
- Purple gingham dress (summer option)
- School purple fleece (optional)



Homework

Reading: It is very important that your child reads at home as much as possible, but we expect 3 times each week. Reading to be recorded in reading diaries, which are collected and checked every WEDNESDAY.

Maths and English: 1 Maths Arithmetic and 1 Reading comprehension activity will be sent home each week on a FRIDAY and due the following WEDNESDAY.

TT Rockstars: TT Rockstars should also be used at least 3 times per week in 10-15 minute sessions. Please let me know if you need copies of log in details.



Snack

Snack should be a healthy option such as a piece of fruit or vegetables. The children can also order a snack from the kitchen each day which can be paid for via Parent Pay. Please ensure this is kept topped-up with credit as the kitchen can refuse to give snack if there is not sufficient funds on your child's account.

School Meals

School meals in KS2 are no longer free for all children, only children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM). School lunches can be paid for via ParentPay.

Communication

Communication between school and parents is very important. If you do have any questions, worries or queries, please message either myself or Mrs Forshaw on Class Dojo, or contact the school office. A meeting can be arranged at the end of the school day if you need to speak to us in person.



ClassDojo

Thank you for attending this evening.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask.

Feel free to have a look around our classroom, our Key Stage and the rest of our school to see our lovely learning areas and some of the learning that is taking place around school.

