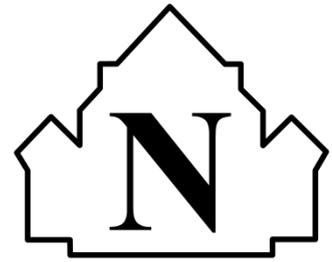


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Rosemellyn - Happy New Year!

We hope that you have been able to enjoy time together over the last two weeks and that Rosemellyn class are feeling refreshed for the term ahead.

Curriculum: We are extremely excited to launch our new topic, 'The Wombles', which centres around sustainability and how items initially intended for landfill could be repurposed and become valuable pieces for a new owner. The Wombles are fictional pointy-nosed, furry creatures created by Elisabeth Beresford and originally appeared in a series of children's novels. They live in burrows, where they aim to help the environment by collecting and recycling rubbish in creative ways. Topic work will include DT based projects as well as Geography sessions covering how nature adapts to the environment and the human impact of commercialisation.

Important Information: We will be visiting a recycling centre during normal school hours on Thursday 24th January to find out more about the process of rubbish to end product. Rosemellyn will also be making class video calls via the internet. We are very fortunate that designer, Jay Blades, has agreed to support our upcycling projects by passing on advice and answering the children's questions over live video chat. If you have any questions or would like to withdraw your child from our class internet video calls, then please speak to Mrs Jago as soon as possible and your child will be given some work to do in another classroom. If you do not reply by Friday 11th January, we shall assume we have your consent.

Our Weekly Routine: English will usually be the first lesson of the day and a morning challenge is set for the class during registration (from 08:45 to 09:00), so we will continue to encourage the children to arrive as promptly as possible. The morning continues with Guided Reading which then leads into our writing sessions. **English** work in Year 6 covers **Reading Comprehension** through the analysis of text and group discussions as well as written opportunities to help prepare your children for end of year assessments. It is important to inject a healthy balance of these kinds of activities so that the children are able to show their understanding of reading comprehension with clearly constructed written explanations as well as verbal responses to texts. **Grammar, punctuation and spelling** (GPS or SPaG) is taught both in standalone sessions and weaved into our **creative writing lessons**, as appropriate. The children will deconstruct how writers piece their work together as well as using this knowledge to build technical writing skills into their own writing. The end of Key Stage 2 SATs (*Standard Attainment Tests*) include papers that check children's understanding of GPS, Reading Comprehension, and Mathematics. Maths lessons usually take place after break and topic work happens during the afternoons. This includes working with Ms Trula for Spanish and with Mr Bacon for PE. Swimming sessions will take place after the Easter holidays and we will provide further information on this closer to the time.

Homework is still being set and explained every **Friday** with an opportunity for children to speak again with an adult from Rosemellyn for **support on Mondays** if they have experienced difficulties. After this point, completed homework is expected to be **handed in every Wednesday**.

Home Study: To help prepare the children for the next stage of learning, there are weekly expectations for homework to be completed outside of lesson time which includes:

Reading = at least five (10 minute) sessions per week

Spellings = learning new words, but also revising previous word lists in order to retain them

English = a task consisting of approximately five questions or a specific activity

Maths = approximately five questions

Rosemellyn are fast approaching the time that they will leave the primary phase of education and we feel it is important to make sure they feel as ready as they can be. Homework is a part of this. However (despite the title), we do provide the children with opportunities to complete tasks during school hours (outside of lesson time). Mrs Jago will make sure she is available during Monday lunchtime if anyone in Rosemellyn would like extra help. Tasks are usually set on a Friday afternoon and this involves modelling an example as well as a chance to ask any questions about the tasks set. If the above homework tasks are not then received, children will be asked to complete this in school during their own time. **Homework will be set from Friday 18th January.**

PE Reminder: P.E. days are Monday and Friday afternoons, but we ask for your child to have their full P.E kit in school every day. Please refer to the list below if you need a kit reminder:

- ✓ shorts or leggings – black
- ✓ school PE top or plain white round necked T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- ✓ trainers or plimsolls
- ✓ socks
- ✓ tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- no earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE/swimming

(Please, if you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, can you do so at the start of the holiday. Also if your child could practise taking out/putting in earrings this would be a great help.)

Open Door Policy: The adults in Rosemellyn are: Mrs Jago (Class Teacher), Mrs Miskowicz (HLTA) and Mrs Kitts (Teaching Assistant). We are immensely passionate about supporting your child's individual development; and want every child in our care to feel valued, respected and happy during their time with us. To make sure this happens, communication is very important. If you have any concerns throughout the year, please get in touch and we can arrange a time to talk.

Additionally, we welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Rosemellyn class and there will also be opportunities during the year when we would very much welcome your support. It may be to come in and listen to readers or support in practical lessons and activities. If you have any time or specific skills you can offer, please let us know.

Mrs J Jago, Mrs Miskowicz and Mrs Kitts

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