



# Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

We have got straight back into our learning in Daisy class and this half term BEWARE! Our topic is 'Monsters and Trolls' our literacy studies will include: *Where the Wild things Are* and *The Monster over the hill*. After half-term we will be looking at 'Night and Day' and our key text will be *Owl Babies*.

We are continuing to build fluency in reading. We have benefitted from a daily reading carousel where the children do a different task every day. This term the focus will be on the children's response to texts. You can support your child at home with this by continuing to read with them and to them. At these special times, it's great to ask them questions. Both: questions about what has been read, to check they understand *e.g. what does exhausted mean?* And questions about their feelings *e.g. who is your favourite character and why?*

These topics will give us lots of opportunities for story writing and sharing their own thoughts. This term the focus will be on improving the quality of their writing. They will be building on their description skills and looking to edit and improve their work. The children will also be paying increasing attention to proof correcting their punctuation and spelling.

In mathematics we will be developing pupils' core skills in the context of measurement. This will enable the children to apply their skills in addition and subtraction in contexts such as money, capacity and length. This term we will also study shape and after half term we will enter the wonderful world of fractions. We also give the children regular opportunities to revisit work we have covered earlier in the year to build confidence and fluency.

Again, I would say any help you can give your child with learning to count in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s will benefit them. If they can count in 5s give them related problems *e.g. How many fives make 35? Or what is eight lots of two?* This will help them to make connections with times tables and the problems they are useful to solve.

In Science we will be exploring some real life monsters when we look at animals and their habitats. Our ICT lessons will develop further the skills needed to write and debug simple computer programmes. In



Geography we will be thinking about geographical features and having fun with maps and telling North from South and East from West.

PE will be outside where possible and it is often cold. Please make sure your child has a tracksuit top and trousers. Also children's feet grow at an alarming rate, so do check your child's trainers still fit. PE sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons but sometimes this changes; please make sure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. The children also need a water bottle, which can be taken outside, so please could you ensure your child has a named or easily recognised water bottle for the classroom.

Weekly French lessons with Mme Sandrine will continue to grow French vocabulary with songs and role play.

### Homework

Reading	Every night, if possible with an adult or older sibling.
Times tables	By the end of Y2 all children should be able to recall their 10, 5, 2 and 3 multiplication tables. Please help your child practise these (there are lots of fun songs and games on the internet)
Spelling	Children will get a set of spellings each Friday to be tested the following Friday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything.

Kind regards,

Mr Chapman