



Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

Can I start by thanking you for the kind wishes, cards and presents I and the other staff members received from you at Christmas, they were very much appreciated. This term in Poppy Class we will be welcoming the help of Miss Chowdhury who will be joining us from University of Brighton where she is studying to become a primary school teacher. She will be with us until Easter.

Our topics for this half-term are the illustrated books of Satoshi Kitamura and the geography of the United Kingdom. After half-term we will be studying the stone age. In literacy we will be writing stories with a fantasy element and we are currently having a whole school drive to improve spelling. Please if you can help your children practise for their weekly spelling tests.

The children will continue to take part in a daily reading carousel where they will either: read with a teacher, listen to a story, read independently, do a comprehension writing exercise, or research using our current affairs magazines (The Week).

In maths we have been looking at the inverse relationship between multiplication and division after this we will be looking at statistics and presenting data. In the second half of term we will be exploring fractions. As you can appreciate there is a broad range of ability in this year 2/3 class. We are able to support this range by offering a range of challenges and extending tasks as well as small group support.

In science we will be exploring rocks and magnets. We are also looking forward to our 'Fully Charged' science week on the theme of electricity.

As you already know the children are learning to swim, so please make sure your child has a towel, swimming costume and goggles with them on Fridays. PE will be outside where possible, and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Now that the weather has turned cold, please make sure your child has a tracksuit and please check that your child's trainers that still fit. 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.

Year 2 will be having Weekly French lessons with the Mme Sandrine who will continue to grow their French vocabulary with songs and role play. Year 3 will be joining their year 4 colleagues in Key Stage 2 on Wednesday afternoons for French and other topic work.



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 and 2 and (+3s, 4s and 8s for year 3s) multiplication tables. Please help your child practice these in full e.g. $3 \times 5=15$, $4 \times 5=20$ rather than 5, 10, 15 etc
Spelling	Children will get a set of spellings each Friday to be tested the following Friday.

Children love listening to stories so please take time if you can to read to your children and ask them questions about their understanding as you go along.

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

Kind regards

Mr Chapman