

Children need their PE kit in school at all times. Although we try and stick to the same 2 days for PE it is inevitable that for some weeks this will change due to unforeseen circumstances. For this reason we ask that each child has their PE kit in school at all times.

A PE kit should include a Cam Woodfield Junior t-shirt, black or blue shorts and daps or trainers. It is recommended that children have warm clothes for outdoor PE. This can include a jumper and jogging bottoms.

Finally, if all children's clothing can be named it makes it easier to return if lost.

Over the course this term, we will be exploring our learning through the theme 'X Marks the Spot'. We are looking forward to geographically exploring the world around us and encourage children to research as much as they can to develop their knowledge on this topic.

If you would like to discuss any element of your child's school life, please see me on the playground. Alternatively, you can arrange a meeting with me after school.

Dates to remember:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - School Open Evening.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Registration at 11:00am for those who attended the Young Voices concert.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' Evening

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Dates to remember:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - School closes for Half Term.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Cedar Class assembly.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - School closes for the Easter Holiday.

TBC - Year 5 class trip.

This year there will be a particular focus on spellings and times tables (including division facts).

**Wednesday** - Times Tables test

Times tables: As a school we are focusing on times tables.

It is the expectation of the National Curriculum that children learn their times tables with rapid recall. This means your child will need to learn each times table off by heart- without having to 'work it out'.

**Thursday** - Spelling test

Spellings: The Government have outlined both spelling patterns and exception words that your child must learn.

Children will receive spellings each week and will be tested the following week. Please make sure you are practising the spellings regularly throughout the week. It is important that your child can spell these words and use them within the context of a sentence.

Homework will be handed out every Friday and children will have until the following Wednesday to submit any work. This may change if a homework project lasting more than 1 week is set, however this will be communicated to the children and parents

Alongside homework, children will have weekly spellings and times tables. They are also expected to read regularly and should be recorded in their reading record. These are considered part of the homework for the week.

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This term we will be looking at various types of writing within English.

Our writing cycles will include adventure stories and instruction writing. Additionally, we will be learning about recounts and writing one of our own.

In Maths this term we will be focusing on our understanding of multiplication and division. Alongside this, we will be using our knowledge of maps to identify and use co-ordinates! Finally, we will be exploring statistics and how these are represented as graphs.

Through DT this term we will be looking to make our own lighthouse. This will require children to create plans and choose materials that are suitable for this structure. Children will also be challenged to use their electrical knowledge to create light!

We will be finding out about how town and city life has changed over the years.

This will involve us looking at how towns and cities have developed over time, and what effect these changes have had on our lives.

# X Marks the Spot!

In PE we will be covering netball and orienteering. During netball, we will be learning the different skills needed to play a netball match. Within our orienteering lessons, we will be finding out how to use maps, compasses and clues to reach a destination.

In Science, we will be learning how to work scientifically. Alongside this we will be learning about the life cycles of plants and humans, and a variety of processes that help them survive.

We will finish the term by looking at magnetism.

Within Music, we will be learning how to compose our own music. This will include learning about notation and performing as part of a group.

We will also be singing at the Young Voices Concert on January 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Through Religious Education we will be learning about where, how and why Christians worship.

In PSHE we will be learning about our rights as citizens of England.