

Dear Parent/ carer,

January 2017

A happy new year to you all and a big thank you for the lovely gifts we were given. The children have come back to school re-energised and raring to go and its been great to hear their news of their Christmas holidays.

Reading

Reading is a fundamental part of your child's education and we would encourage you to hear your child read as often as possible, preferably every day. We will be implementing a new reward system within Stickleback class where children can earn Family Group Points depending on the amount of times they have read each week. This will hopefully encourage children to read as often as possible. Whilst hearing your child read, it is also useful to discuss the book with your child in order to check their understanding of the story. Please write in their yellow reading record book when you hear them read and encourage them to put their reading books in the box in the classroom every morning so that we can check whether they need to change their book. We would like children to read a book twice before changing it to ensure that any unfamiliar words are consolidated before moving on unless it is a longer book in which case they can change it after the first reading.



PE Kit

PE is still timetabled for Tuesday and Wednesday during term 3. Your child's kit needs to be in school every day just in case these sessions change for any reason. Please ensure that they have navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and appropriate warm clothing for going outside and that all items are clearly named. Feel free to take your child's kit home on a Friday if it needs washing but do please remember to send it back in on a Monday. PE days may change in term 4.



Homework

Homework is set on a Tuesday and due in the following Monday. Children will be set one piece of English and one piece of maths a week which will be sent home in a purple exercise book.

Cloakroom

Please continue to drop your child off outside the cloakroom. This is to ensure that your child is responsible for putting their own belongings away and also to develop their independence.



Water bottles and snacks



Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle as drinks from the water fountain are only available during break and lunch times. Fruit snacks will be provided by school at break time. Children can have this in addition to their snack from home or as a replacement.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Food Glorious Food'. We will be finding out where in the world our food comes from and carrying out some map work based on this. We will be learning about the different foods that were eaten in history, particularly focusing on rationing during World War 2. Our science unit will be based on seasonal changes, food chains and healthy eating and nutrition.



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