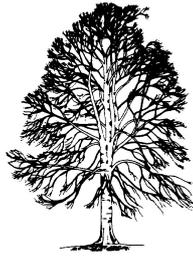


## Bottisham Community Primary School



Interim Headteacher: Lisa Perry

Deputy Headteachers: Christine Sheppard, Debbie Heijne

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. We are looking forward to the start of the New Year and have been busy planning lots of exciting events for this term.

### Curriculum:

Our topic for the term is 'Extreme Environments'. We are going to be finding out about mountains, rivers and the water cycle. If your child has any interesting books or objects that link with our topic, they are welcome to bring them in and present them to the class. We would also love to hear about / see pictures of any places that the children may have visited with these geographical features! We will be sending home a topic web that will contain detailed information about what your child will be learning in each subject area throughout the term.



After half term, we will be visiting **Wicken Fen**, exploring and classifying a variety of living things in the Fens. We will also be finding out how water has shaped the history of the Fens and the habitats surrounding the land. We would welcome parent help for this trip nearer the time.

### Home School Journals:

The children will be receiving a new copy of the Home-School Journal for the Spring term. This will contain information about term dates, \*PE days and your child's class timetable, as well as including a range of fun activities for your child to complete. The Home-School Journal is a really useful tool for communication and we encourage you to use it as a way to ask questions and share general information concerning your child. It is also a record of the reading that your child has been doing at home and as they become more independent, we encourage them to record this for themselves. **The children must have their Journal in school every day.** The Home-School Journals will be checked by your child's class teacher once a week and signed. If there is a message that you would like a quicker response to, then please ask your child to hand their journal to their class teacher first thing in the morning. Your child's class teacher will be happy to speak with you if there are more urgent or complex matters that you wish to discuss.

### Homework:

As in the previous term, the homework will consist of a times-table to learn, English challenge and spelling list to learn. Your child must record these in their homework books- bringing them in on a Wednesday, so we have time to mark them by Friday. There will be house points each week for children who record regularly what they are reading in their home school journals (an AR book or their own reading book at home).

### Library:

As well as reading an AR book, children are encouraged to visit the school library (run by Mrs Walker). They can return a book **every Thursday lunch time** between 12.45-1.15pm. Each class has designated time in the week to take a book out.



### Burwell House Residential Visit:

The Year 4 children will be going to Burwell House on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January for their residential visit. The Year 3 children will have team building projects for those two days in school. There will be a parents' information session on the 15<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm in Birch class.

### Parent Consultations:

These will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The office will send out a booking link nearer the time.

### Year 3/4 Production:

Birch, Cedar and Elm class will be putting on a production in the second half of the Spring Term. The play is called "Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies". There will be further information to follow but be assured that it will be full of wonderful acting, singing and the odd joke or two!



### PE Kit:

During our play rehearsals this term we will be focusing on choreography and singing as part of the music curriculum and dance provision in PE. \*PE days will be as follows this term (please note the change of day for Elm children):

- Birch and Cedar- Thursday morning
- Elm- Thursday afternoon

Please ensure that your child has a **named PE kit** which should consist of a plain, white T-shirt and navy or black shorts and trainers; they can bring **plain jogging trousers and a jumper** as it is colder outside. This should be brought in a **named, drawstring bag please**. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in PE lessons, we require a note of explanation.

### Indoor Shoes & clothing:

It is very important that all children's clothing in school is named (including shoes) and that children change into their indoor shoes when coming into the classroom. We will be checking on this regularly in order to keep the classroom carpets clean for the children to sit on.

### Other things to remember:

We would like the children to bring their snacks, water bottles, Home School Journals and book bags (if they have them) into school each day.

Do check your child's class page on the school website. Photos or work that the children have done will be put up for you to enjoy.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs McGrath

Miss Cridland

Mrs Ociepko

Mrs Walker