

# Thomas Eaton Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

Church Street, Wimblington, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 0QS  
Tel: 01354 740392 Fax: 01354 740640 email: [office@thomaseaton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@thomaseaton.cambs.sch.uk)  
[www.thomaseatonschool.co.uk](http://www.thomaseatonschool.co.uk)

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Susannah Connell BSc MA (Ed Mgt) NPQH

Head of school: Mrs Nicola Jones BEd NPQH

## Malala Class: Spring Term 2020

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope that you are suitably rested after Christmas and are ready for the busy and exciting term that we have ahead of us all. Since their return to school, we have been really encouraged to see the children eager and enthusiastic to learn. We are really looking forward to sharing the new areas of study with them this term.

### Reading

As previously stated, we continue to aspire for our children to be able to read for pleasure, with fluency and understanding. Daily reading practice at home remains one of the most vital homework tasks for all pupils, accounting to 15/20 minutes every weekday. We monitor the frequency that the children are reading to another adult at home, so please make sure that you sign and date their reading records each time you listen to them read. Please remember that any books the children read from outside of school may be on the Accelerated Reader system. You can check online by using the following link <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>



In conjunction with Accelerated Reader, this term we will be continuing to motivate the children with the use of the 100% club in class. Each time a child scores 100% in their Accelerated Reading Quizzes, they will be entered into the class draw at the end of the term for the chance to win a book token. We will also be setting a new whole class word count challenge. Last term, Malala class beat their word count target by reading **2,289,230** words. This term we are challenging the children to read **2,400,000** words. Will they succeed? Watch this space. With this being a shorter term, they need to work together to ensure they everyone is reading frequently. In Malala class, the children have been given an individual word count target to try to beat so that they are able to keep themselves on track and celebrate their own reading successes!

### Non negotiables

A polite reminder of our expectations of a Key Stage Two child at Thomas Eaton Primary Academy.  
Writing Non-negotiables

In our writing we must:

- use capital letters , ? ! .
- use a variety of conjunctions: when, if, because, although
- use prepositions, adverbs and exciting verbs
- use joined handwriting
- make sure lines of writing are spaced sufficiently

The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust is a company registered in England and Wales.

Registered Company No: 8062508. Registered Office: Andrew Road, Eynesbury, St. Neots, Cambs. PE19 2QE



## Maths Non-negotiables

In our Maths books we must:

- write 1 digit per square
- use a ruler to draw all lines
- form all digits correctly
- write the question number then leave a square before the answer
- miss a line between each question
- show our working out

## Handwriting and presentation

Children are expected to use neat, clear, joined handwriting in all books at all times and we will encourage every child to take pride in their presentation. If their work is not to an acceptable standard, they will be asked to repeat the work in their break / lunchtime.

## PE / Games

**I ♥ PE** This half term, Malala class have two physical activity sessions a week; outdoors on a **Wednesday** afternoon and a dance session on a Thursday afternoon. **All** children need to wear the appropriate kit. For the outdoor session please provide your child with dark shorts, white t-shirt and suitable warm trousers/fleece/jumper. Please help to ensure your child has their kit with them on the appropriate days. All long hair needs to be securely tied back and jewellery removed. PE is an important part of our curriculum and children should all take part in **all** sessions. If your child cannot take part for medical reasons, please speak to the class teacher to make them aware. Any child who is excused from taking part in a PE/games session requires a written, dated note signed by an adult/doctor.

### **Equipment for school**

Our policy is that we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. However, we will allow them to wear watches and encourage the wearing of analogue watches (with hands, not digital numbers) to help them learn how to tell the time. Earrings must only be studs and should be removed on PE days please. Toys are also not permitted to be in school. **Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle every day** which they can keep in the designated area during lessons. Please ensure that the bottle only contains water and is clearly labelled. At playtimes, children should bring in a healthy snack – fruit is ideal. Sweets, chocolate and crisps are not allowed.

**Please label all your child's clothes, lunchboxes, water bottles and bags.**

If your child does misplace items of clothing, **please check regularly** in lost property.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.



# HOME LEARNING

## **Home Learning: Our expectations are that, all children should:**

Read every day at home for a sustained period of time (20 minutes)

Complete 45 minutes of Maths Whizz per week

Please note that children who do not complete this learning will complete it in their break times at school unless other arrangements are in place after consultation with ourselves or the Head teacher.



## **From time to time, we may also ask children to:**

Practise any spellings and times tables that are sent home.

If you wish to discuss anything or have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office. I will be more than happy to talk to you at a mutually convenient time. If we do not know about a problem, we cannot help. I hope that we will all have a super term, with teachers, children and parents all working together to achieve success.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Nuccoll.