

Autumn Term in the KITE Room



September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and you had lots of fun together. A very warm welcome to the new members of the class, who now no longer need to climb so many stairs in the morning to get to their class!

Classroom Organisation.

I will be teaching literacy, as well as geography, history and PSHE for both year groups. Robert will be teaching numeracy and sports and Amie will teach science and French.

PE

The Kites will follow an active sporting curriculum

Monday: PE at Golden Lane (1.45.-3.00 pm)

Tuesday: Swimming at Golden Lane (9.00 am-10.30 am)

Wednesday: Sports at Coram's Fields (1.30-3.40 pm)

Friday: Tennis at Golden Lane (11.00-12.15 pm)

Please note that swimming lessons are part of the curriculum, therefore if you consider your child to be well enough to attend school, they are well enough to swim.

If children are not suitably attired on any day of a sporting activity, they will not be allowed to participate. It is essential the children are equipped with their own tennis racquet- they will not be allowed to play without one.

Reading

We always place great emphasis on reading and value our library enormously. In the first term, the children are issued with a "passport" for their year's reading ahead and will contain a variety of different story genres. The expectation is that the children will work their way through these passports throughout the year and complete them by next July.

Lower Kite and Lower Balloon children will be issued with a "bronze passport" and Upper Kite and Upper Balloon children will be given a "silver passport". We expect the children to aim to read a book in a week, unless an extension has been agreed. The children must ensure that their reading diary is updated daily; this will allow them to record all the books they have completed from our library and the number of pages they are reading daily. This will be checked every half term by me, with a view to monitoring reading progress. Please ensure the diaries are kept in the homework folder, as occasional messages from me may be sent home.

Spelling

The children will be issued with a list of the term's spellings, which will help them with their weekly test on Fridays, but thereafter, should a replacement be required, it can be found on our school website. The words chosen will be a combination of those encountered in the spelling book and high frequency words or words that are usually misspelt.

Humanities and Science

Geography: Earthquakes and Volcanoes. The children will be learning about the Earth's crust, tectonic plates, how volcanoes are formed, their location, be they extinct, dormant or active. The children will also gain a greater understanding of how and why earthquakes occur.

History: World War Two. We will be exploring; the causes, the Battle of Britain, the Blitz, evacuation, rationing and D-Day. To enhance our understanding of this topic we will be visiting The Imperial War Museum, you will be notified once a date has been confirmed.

Science: Living things and habitats: A wonderfully interesting and exciting topic. The children will have lots of fun studying the development and growth of a variety of insects in their own classroom, whilst exploring and studying elements of the natural world and different habitats much further afield!

I look forward to helping your children do great things this year. Please remember that I am always available to discuss any aspect of your child's development.

Best Wishes

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