

Spring Term in the KITE Room



January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and you had lots of fun together, but a good rest too! A very warm welcome to a new term's exciting curriculum.

Classroom Organisation.

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

PE

The Kites' sporting curriculum will be as follows:

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 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 continue to place great emphasis on reading. The expectation is that the children will continue to work their way through their passports throughout the rest of the year and complete them fully by July. The children should aim to read a book in a week, but extensions can be given by me for lengthier or more challenging books. It is important the children ensure that their reading diary is updated daily, in order to keep an accurate record of the books they have completed and the number of pages they are reading on each homework night. The diaries are always checked by me every day with a view to monitoring reading progress, but will be "signed off" every half term. 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 spring 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 other words that the children come across regularly, but usually misspell.

Humanities and Science

The topics the Kites will be covering this term are as follows:

Geography: Water. The children will be learning more about reservoirs, droughts, monsoons, how water is transported and pollution.

History: World leaders. A very interesting topic for the children! They will be studying some of the most memorable characters throughout history, such as Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Cleopatra, Boudicca, Nelson and Napoleon.

Science: Changing state. The children will be exploring subjects such as evaporation and condensation, the water cycle, freezing and melting.

I look forward to helping your children achieve 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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