



Heather Primary School Pioneers Autumn 2016 -

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Here is an overview of what we will be covering this term so you can support your child at home and offer any expertise to help in school.

This work we will be covering this term is:

Literacy	Writing to entertain, inform and persuade by writing stories, poetry, recounts, newspaper reports, adverts and letters.
Maths	Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplications, division and fractions
Science	Water-cycle and living things and their habitat
ICT	E-safety focusing on the amount of time we spend online and programming to create different games using sound and image files
History	Who were the Ancient Egyptians?
Geography	How are rivers formed?
DT	Designing, creating and evaluating Egyptian sandals
Art	Use sketch books and record observations. Learning about great artists - Monet Developing use of sketch books. Finding out about the life of Monet and exploring in detail his River Thames painting and creating paintings in a similar style.
RE	Discussing the question "Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?"
PSHE	Working together and Taking Care program
Music	Livin' on a Prayer - Classic rock!

We will also be visiting Sence Valley Park before half term - more details to follow.

Reading

As always, we expect children to read regularly at home, as this ensures that children make good progress with their reading. We do like all children to read at home at least 3 to 4 times a week. Please sign the reading diary each time you hear them read and the children need to write in it each time they read to themselves too. Reading books and diaries need to be in school every day. Diaries will be checked each morning by myself or Mr Hough.

PE

The children will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on those days. Both of our PE lessons will be taking place outside until half term. Trainers are more suitable for outdoor PE, as they give better grip and support. We do go outside for PE even when it is cold— so hoodies and track suit bottoms are useful during the colder months. Earrings cannot be worn for PE. If your child is unable to take out their own earrings, please remove them before they come to school. Children will be expected to take part in all PE lessons unless a note is provided by a parent/carer.



Homework



Maths: My Maths will be set fortnightly.



Spelling: Given on a Monday, and tested on the following Monday. (Scores come home on a Tuesday)



Homework Book: All homework for up until Christmas is listed in this book. If you have any questions, please ask.



Times tables: The children need to know, off-by-heart all of their times tables, up to the 12 times tables and the corresponding division facts. We will be doing regular times table and number facts speed tests to improve the accuracy and speed of recall. Regular practising of tables at home will really help.



Pencil Cases



There is no need for your child to have a pencil case full of crayon and gel pens etc. If your child has a pen licence, they may use a cartridge/fountain pen if they wish - the website Pen Heaven sells excellent good children's cartridge pens that don't leak!



Water Bottles



Children may bring in drinks bottles into class. These should really be filled with water. Please make sure they are named as it makes it easier for us to get bottles to the right child if they are left on the field.



Uniform



Please can you make sure all uniform is named, so those children who like to leave clothing lying around school and then forget where they have left it, will get it back!



T-Shirts



The children have selected their chosen colour for their school t-shirts. More details to follow.



Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about this terms topic.



Yours sincerely



Maxine Michalowski

