



January 2017

Spring 1 Term News

From Mrs Graham, Mrs Goode and the Adventurers

Highlights

We hope the children have had both a relaxing and fun-filled Christmas holiday. Last half term went very quickly and the children worked really hard on nativity plays as well as all the usual school activities.

Thank you for all the super Brainbuilders the children did on the Great Fire of London. The children thoroughly enjoyed their topic last term and produced some excellent work! Further on in the newsletter are details of our topic for this term, which we hope the children will enjoy just as much!

Children will be having PE sessions on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** this half term; please ensure that they have full PE kits in school on those days.

KEY DATES THIS TERM:

January:

Weds. 25th Book Fair starts

February:

Fri. 3rd Whole School Theme Day

Mon. 6th Parents evening

Weds. 8th Parents evening

Half term break Monday 13th February (1 week)

New term starts Monday 20th February.

Please check the school website for a full list of key dates.



Reading...

- Children can change their reading books as often as they wish; we remind them each morning to place their books into the blue tray at the front of the classroom for this to be done.
- Please remember to add a comment/ signature on the reading pages within your child's school diary, this can help us immensely!



Reading tip ... **Once is not enough**

Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps children read more quickly and accurately.

Dig deeper into the story

Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think Clifford did that?"

Curriculum Notes...

This half term our topic will be WEATHER EXPERTS. Through a series of lively activities, such as creating their own weather forecasts and making their own weather station, the children will build their knowledge of seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. They will begin to understand more about the hot and cold areas of the world as well as developing their locational knowledge and early geographical skills. In Science, we shall further our understanding of seasonal changes, whilst in Art, famous artists and seasonal art techniques will be our focus.



Homework

Spellings are given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday each week; these are linked to the daily phonics taught in class.

Reading should be done every day for 10-15 minutes.

Watch this space...

...as we revise our homework timetables as a school, so that you have a clear indication for the term about what your child needs to achieve.

A few reminders...

- Please ensure your child has their home/school diary in school **every** day!
- Please can water bottles be marked/named as we have several children with the same bottle.
- Mrs Graham teaches the class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Goode teaches the class on Thursday-Friday.
- **PE kits** needs to be in school on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** this term.



Contacting Mrs Graham/Mrs Goode
Should you have any concerns please contact us via the school office or feel free to speak to us at the end of the school day.