



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Well Lane Danbury Chelmsford CM3 4AB

Telephone: 01245 224994 or 01245 224673

Email: admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs C Gooding BA (Hons), PGCE, MA (Ed), NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Miss D Johnston BA

Class Hummingbird Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Class Hummingbird. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and got to spend some quality time with your families.

The past couple of weeks the children have been settling back into school life. Our topic for the Spring term is 'Once Upon A Time' and the children will be learning all about the magical world of Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales through each area of the National Curriculum. Alongside the traditional stories, we will be enjoying some modern fiction and we are looking forward to taking the children to the local theatre on Wednesday 7th February to see the Gruffalo's child.

Reminders

Please remember that all your child's belongings should be clearly labelled. Your **child's hair should be tied up at all times** and **no jewellery** is worn. Please ensure your child brings their bookbag, coat and water bottle to school every day.

Please carry on practising your child's Phase Card. They need to be able to identify the phoneme, say the phoneme, read words with the sound in and write words using that grapheme. To develop their independent writing, get them to write sentences using these spelling patterns as the children need to apply this in their writing not just the test. Please get your child to practise their Tricky Words reading and spelling them as they will be tested on every half term.

Homework is on a three-week rota. Your child will either be sent home with a maths game to play, or set activities on Mathletics which will link to the learning we have been doing in class or to read a Bug Club book online along with a range of activities.

In English the children will be sharing a range of texts both fiction and non-fiction. The focus this term will be on using the correct pencil grip and forming our letters correctly; children becoming more independent in their writing and being more accurate with their spelling. Children will look at Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales. We will look at instructions and learn how to write our own.

The children will also take part in Let's Present where they have the opportunity to bring in, dress up or make something that is linked to our topic and talk about it to their classmates.

In Maths, the children will be focusing on place value to 50. They will be looking at addition and subtraction and will be learning to use a variety of concrete and pictorial resources to support their understanding. We will be looking at how to measure height and length as well as weight and volume. Children will carry out practical activities to embed their learning. They will use their skills to problem solve and explain their answers.

In Science, we will be learning about objects and materials. Children will learn what a material is and the properties these materials have. Children will make predictions about the materials and carry out experiments, They will observe closely and record their results. The children will continue to learn about weather and the associated seasons. We will be learning how to ask questions and understand that they can be answered in a number of different ways.

In Art and Design Technology, they will be encouraged to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. We will be looking at how sculptures are designed, what a sculpture is, designing our own sculptures and the materials that can be used.

In Music, lessons will be on a Thursday morning with Mrs Long. The children will be describing and recognising sounds, making music with the percussion instruments, and singing songs to do with our topic of Once Upon A Time.

In Geography and History we will continue to learn about Human and Physical features so the children can identify these within their locality. The children will learn about the houses that are in Danbury and compare them to houses in other parts of the world. The children will learn about the difference between past and present life. We will look at how houses have changed over a period and recognise the similarities and differences between periods of time.

In Computing, the children learn how to create, manipulate and retrieve digital content using art software. They will be able to give a set of instructions to Bee Bots and learn about algorithms. Children will design a survey and collect the data across the school. They will explore the different functions on software.

PE will be every Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. In Physical Development we will be practising our co-ordination and balancing skills. We will be learning to move and safely use the space around us. We will learn to make a sequence of movements and perform them. We will learn how to move PE equipment safely. We will continue to look at how movement affects our body. In outdoor games we will be developing our ball skills and will be throwing and catching a variety of equipment. Please ensure your child's PE kit is fully labelled and your child has spare socks. Please ensure your child's hair is tied back and their earrings are removed.

In RE the children will be taught by Ms Middleton. The children will look at the question 'Why is the story of the Buddha important to some Buddhists?'

As you can see, we have a busy term ahead! If you have any questions, I will be very happy to discuss them with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith