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Class Flamingo Summer Term 2024 – Where in the World?

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you all had a good Easter break.

Our topic this term is “Where in the World?” and the children are very excited about it already. This will be a Geography themed topic, looking at our local area and comparing it to contrasting localities with a focus on Kenya, The North Pole and Egypt. This will be cross curricular and feed into many of our lessons this term.

Class Routines

Class routines will continue as previously, with Miss Lees teaching on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs McIntosh teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Murdamootoo is our Learning Support Assistant (LSA) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Mrs Williams is the class LSA on a Thursday and Friday morning.

We encourage the children to drink regularly, from a water bottle during school day and would therefore ask you to continue to provide a named bottle of fresh water for your child daily. This will be even more important as the weather warms up (well, we hope it will!). Can we also ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before school and, if they need to reapply it during the day, send a named bottle of suntan lotion that they can then apply themselves, please. It is also important that your child has a suitable sunhat to wear at play and lunchtimes every day.

Our PE days are **Tuesday and Wednesday** (both outdoor in the summer term), so children will need to ensure their PE kits are in school, including a pair of socks in their bags for these days.

Please remember earrings must be removed for PE lessons (we can no longer tape up earrings) and that long hair needs to be tied back every day.

Homework - Reading

Reading continues to be a vital part of education in Year Two and we would ask that an adult hears your child read regularly at home and makes a note in the reading diary. In Year Two, as reading develops, it is equally important to discuss the text with your child as well as 'hear' them read, to develop their comprehension skills. We check the diaries every day and, on a Friday, we count up the number of times a child has read to an adult at home. If this is three times or more your child will be given a sticker as a 'Bookworm Award' culminating in an end of half term certificate. Children will continue to have an opportunity to change their books every morning, **whenever they have read to an adult**. We would also encourage the children to occasionally neatly write in their own diaries about what they have read and what they thought about it. We are also encouraging children to take a book from their classroom on a Friday for Fantastic Friday! These books are chosen by the children and we would encourage you to share these chosen books with your children for pleasure.

Homework - Maths

We will continue to ask the children to complete tasks on the Mathletics websites (username and passwords have been given, but please ask if you have any difficulty accessing this) that will help consolidate or extend your child's learning from in the classroom. We will cover the area of maths in class first then set the tasks to do at home. We will always pop a note in the diaries when tasks are set, but please feel free to do any other activities your child wishes to attempt. It's all good practise!

Times Table Rockstars is always set up for your child to access when they wish.

Homework - spellings

Spellings will follow the same format with weekly spellings and half termly common exception words to learn. This term it will be all the common exception words in the half termly tests. Tests will take place on a TUESDAY in school. We do ask for spelling books to be returned to school as soon as you have celebrated the result with your child.

Our Curriculum

English – English is taught daily as well as being embedded throughout all lessons. This term our genre areas are: stories from other cultures, explanation texts, non-chronological reports. Poetry such as calligrams, riddles and performance poetry as well as written work linked to our sustainability project.

Maths – Maths continues to be taught as a lesson every day, but we also try to include real life and practical maths in the classroom as much as possible. We have lots to cover and will be focusing on: measuring (cm and m), position/direction, number and place value and statistics, +, -,

x, ÷, capacity and volume, temperature, 2-D and 3-D shapes and sorting. Completing additional Mathematics tasks at home will reinforce the learning in school and help to build confidence. Our weekly times tables tests will continue to take place every **FRIDAY**.

Topic – as mentioned above, we will be learning about countries such as Kenya and comparing to our local area. We will look at map skills, compass directions, weather patterns, climate and landscapes. We will also compare our country to The North Pole. The children will build on their knowledge of the world and use of atlases, globes and maps. Later in the term we will venture out into our locality and take a closer look at the geography of Danbury.

Science – Our science topic is Animals including Human and this will lead on to the topic of Plants and doing some growing of our own!

Computing – We will, again, be looking at how to stay safe online, understanding the dangers and children should seek help if necessary. We will be looking at programming and algorithms and developing our understanding of instructions and sequencing. We are also planning to experiment with sound, using a computer to create a musical pattern.

Art – The children really enjoy their weekly art lessons and this term we will be using our Access Art scheme, looking at exploring the world through mono print.

Design and Technology

In DT we will be making our very own habitat dioramas out of a shoe box. We will also look at a variety of animals and create our own animal using felt.

Physical Education – Outdoor PE. This will be taught by Premier Sports on Tuesdays and they will be following our curriculum of outdoor team games and ball skills.

Our Wednesday PE lesson will be looking at skills we will be using at the Mini Games and Sports Day events. This will include team games with running, jumping, balancing, aiming and quickening in our pace at activities each week whilst cheering our teammates on! Further details of this will be sent out separately.

Religious Education – This term we will be looking at Islam and Judaism, learning about The 99 names of Allah, The prophet Muhammad, The Rites of Passage and good works.

PHSE – our topic heading is Health and Wellbeing and within this we will be covering the following 3 aspects:

Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing: Why sleep is important; medicines and keeping healthy; keeping teeth healthy; managing feelings and asking for help. **Growing and Changing** Growing older; Moving Class or year.

Keeping Safe: Safety in different environments; risk and safety at home; emergencies.

Year 2 Infant Music Festival

This year we are performing our very own Year Two musical. This has always proved lots of fun and the children remember it for years to come! Details of this will be sent out separately.

Mini Olympics

Each year the Year Two children take part in a mini Olympics run by the School Sports Partnership at Melbourne Athletic Stadium. The children compete in a range of sporting activities, from throwing to jumping. They gain points for each event and at the end the winning school is the school with the highest average score. It is always a lot of fun and children love it! A separate letter will be sent out with details nearer the time when we have more information on how it will run this year.

If you have any concerns, queries or information to share, please come and talk to us, email us at: classf@danburypark.essex.sch.uk, or leave a message at the school office and we will contact you as soon as possible to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McIntosh and Miss Lees
Class Teachers