

Reading Books.

Children take their reading books and reading record books home every day. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers. Please read with your child on a daily basis and write your comments in their reading record books. **Please note that your child's book will not be changed unless the book has been read and you have signed the reading record book to confirm this.**

PE

PE is taught by a PE specialist. Please ensure that your child's full PE kit is in school at all times and please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery in school. Thank you.

Asthma inhalers

If your child has asthma, please provide your child's class teacher with an inhaler to keep in school at all times.

Punctuality/Appointments

Please try to avoid booking any appointments during school time.

Please ensure your child is in school on time to avoid a late mark in the register and missing any work.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 5th February 2019 - Parent e-safety workshop
5.30pm - 6.30pm (separate letter will be sent with further details in due course)



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The children will be learning about the following:

- **English** - We will be reading stories from different cultures, which link with our topic Ancient China and the children will be learning how to write their own. After that we will be starting to look at dialogues and playscripts.
- **Handwriting** - Children will be practising their handwriting skills using the cursive style. Pen Licences will be awarded to children using forming all cursive handwriting accurately.
- **Maths** - We will continue with multiplication and division this half term. We will learn the Inspire Maths method of long division for hundreds, tens and ones and applying this knowledge into one-step and two-step word problems for all operations. We will also be using bar models to support our mathematical thinking.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Lights and Shadows' and we will be learning about different sources of light, how darkness is the absence of light, investigating different reflective surfaces and finding out how shadows are formed and can change.
- **History** - This half term, our topic is Ancient China. We will be discussing the significance of the Great Wall of China, Chinese New Year and the influence of significant people. We will be writing diary entries, creating fact files and we will also be having a China super learning day.
- **R.E.** - This half term, our topic is 'Follow My Leader'. We will be looking at the qualities that leaders possess and how they have contributed to society and applying this knowledge to religious leaders that have influenced the world such as Jesus, Buddha and the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H). We will also look at the importance of different religious symbols.
- **Art** - This half term we will be researching repeated pattern and looking at the work of Escher and tessellation. We will also investigate Islamic geometrical patterns and then design potato prints to create our very own repeated patterns!
- **Homework** - Homework will be sent home on a Thursday. English and Maths homework should be returned by Monday or Wednesday at the latest.

What you can do to help

- **English** - Please talk to your child about stories from different cultures. Discuss and identify the different parts to stories. For example: The opening, build up, problem, resolution and ending. Encourage your child to describe the setting and characters in a story.
- **Maths** - Please encourage your child to count in 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s. Discuss four digit numbers and their place value. Please practise the times tables with your child and the division facts. Please practise adding/subtracting multiples of 10 to/from 2, 3 or 4 digit numbers.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about different light sources, such as candles, torches, fire, the sun and different bulbs. You could also discuss the dangers of heat and how to protect oneself from the sun's ultraviolet rays. BBC Bitesize Science is a good source of information that your children could access for home learning.
- **History** - If you can, you could research interesting facts about Ancient China. Also if you do go to the library with your child and find any books related to our topic please do send them in with your child to share with our classes.
- **Reading** - Please read with your child every day and ask questions to ensure a deeper understanding of what your child is reading. This does not need to be limited to books sent from school.
- **Spellings** - Please help your child to learn their weekly words so that your child is prepared for the weekly spelling test on Tuesdays. Also continue to practise the common exception words.

Have you got any questions?

You are welcome to ask the teachers questions about the progress of your child. However, the teachers can only see you when all the children have been picked up from school. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher please wait until all children have been dismissed.