

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:

Wednesday 6th March 2019 - Our local area field trip
(separate letter to follow soon)

Monday 11th-13th March 2019 - PGL Residential Trip
(bookings already completed)



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The children will be learning about the following:

- **English** - We will be creating our own calligrams and reading various shape poems whilst identifying key features of poetry. After that, we will be learning about the Easter story and stories with familiar settings and innovating the stories to create our own.
- **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** - This term we will be looking at measurement. We will be learning how to add and subtract with different amounts of money, using £ and pence. We will then look at length, mass and volume and measuring with different units and applying these skills to word problems and real-life contexts.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Lifecycles and Insects'. Children will have the opportunity to experience the butterfly life cycle up close in the classroom with real caterpillars and learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly, frog, snake and a mammal.
- **Geography** - This half term, our topic is Our Local Area. We will be discussing where we are on the map, planning routes, creating our own maps, identifying human and physical features, identifying local services and creating leaflets about our local area.
- **R.E.** - This half term, our topic is 'Giving Thanks'. We will be looking at reasons why it is important to be thankful, what we have to be thankful for and how events such as the Hijrah, Sukkot and Thanksgiving show thankfulness and promote opportunities for appreciation.
- **Computing** - This half term, our topic is coding, children will learn to design and create their own program, to understand and use variables and to debug simple programs.
- **Art** - This half term we will be looking at the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and his work of portrait prints with fruits. Children will recreate their own versions of his work using collages, oil pastels and watercolours.
- **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 features of poetry and read different shape poems which can then be shared with the class. Discuss and identify the different parts to stories. For example: the opening, build up, problem, resolution and ending.
- **Maths** - Please continue to practise the times tables, as they are integral in many areas of Maths. Please also try to give your children practical experiences of measuring in everyday contexts, such as baking.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about different lifecycles and how some animals (caterpillars, frogs) completely transform (undergo metamorphism) when they become adults, however this is not the same for all animals. BBC Bitesize Science is a good source of information that your children could access for home learning.
- **Geography** - Do some research about our local area with your child and any interesting facts and information can be shared with the class. Explore the local area whilst going on walks and take pictures of what you find. 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.
- **Homework** - Please support your child with his/her homework.

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.