

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable Christmas, the children have returned to school eager and enthusiastic. This half term our focus is 'China', more information regarding the curriculum focuses is set out below. This term all children will be having 2 P.E lessons a week, an indoor P.E lesson in the hall on Tuesdays and an outdoor P.E lesson on Friday's. We are still finding it helpful and less time consuming for the children to wear their P.E kit to school on these days. Outdoor learning will continue to be on Monday's and we would still prefer the children to keep a pair of wellies in school for outdoor play time.

There will be another grid of optional homework if you and your child would like to complete any of the suggested tasks and upload your pictures or comments to Tapestry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child/ children with regular reading at home, many of the children have progressed in their reading and have moved on to the next challenging book bands or reading planets. As a school we are still operating a 3 read system for any children that are reading planet reading books or coloured book bands red, yellow and blue. If your child is reading books on green, orange, turquoise or purple they are required to read their book twice. This approach helps children develop reading fluency, build up word recognition and expand understanding of the text.

English	Our English lessons will be based upon the books; The Gingerbread Man, The Runaway Wok and The Magic Paintbrush Daily phonics lesson continue and the children will be beginning to develop their writing skills using their phonic knowledge.
Mathematics	The children will be learning to compare numbers, capacity and mass, strengthening their understanding of numbers up to 10 and exploring time.
Understanding of the world	Through our topic work, the children will develop an understanding of different cultures, religion, weather and a wider knowledge of China. The children will also be engaging in science lessons where they will be exploring everyday materials and their properties.
R.E	We will be exploring the religion of Islam and what Muslims believe.

Expressive arts and design	During lessons with Mrs Richards and Mrs Prout, the children will be using clay to make models, creating dragons, tigers, lanterns and their own willow pattern plates. Our music focus is exploring instruments and symbols.
P.E	Indoor P.E lessons will be dance lessons and outdoor P.E lessons will be developing fundamental skills with a focus on basketball.
Communication and language	This term we will be starting a new language and literacy skills based programme called NELI. The children will receive 3 sessions a week, more information will be sent home soon.

Please refer to the school website for more curriculum information and to see what we get up to. I regularly update the Seahorses termly class pages with photos, videos and information that you may like to look at.

Miss H Simpson