

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 Tuesday's 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.

Spellings and mathematics homework will be given out on Friday; spellings will be assigned to your child and they will be tested after 2 weeks of having these spellings. Mathematics homework is given out a weekly basis, therefore your child will receive a maths task on Friday and they have until the following Friday to return it. We praise and reward children for completing any tasks at home, this includes reading, spellings and mathematics.

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 book band or reading planet. 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, The Magic Paintbrush and The Willow Pattern Story. The children will be writing instructions and their own narrative.
Mathematics	Year 1 children will be focusing on place value of numbers up to 50 and. addition and subtraction. Year 2 children will be focusing on multiplication and division and statistics.
Science	Our science lessons will be based on everyday materials and their properties, specifically investigating absorbency and waterproofing.
History	Learning about the Great Wall of China, emperors

	and The Terracotta Army.
Geography	Understanding geographical and cultural similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of China and Cornwall.
R.E	We will be exploring the religion of Islam and what Muslims believe.
Art and Design technology	In these 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.
Music	Our focus is exploring instruments and symbols.
Computing	The children will be using Chrome Books to develop simple keyboard typing skills and learning how to safely logon, save, open and edit documents.
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.

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

Miss H Simpson