



Saplings Class

30th October 2017

Welcome back to our second term together. We have some great learning opportunities planned for this term, leading up to what is always a very busy but fun Christmas period.

Over the next few weeks we will be covering the following areas.

Maths

Year 1 – partitioning numbers into two sets, measuring to solve problems and identifying 2d shapes.

Year 2 – recalling the bonds to 20 and 100, partitioning numbers into three sets, adding and subtracting to solve problems and identifying 3d shapes.

Mad Maths Minutes will continue weekly so that we can keep improving our mental maths.

English

We will be enjoying books that focus on diaries, letters and postcards and writing our own versions of each. We will continue to use colour coded words to help us write sentences and spotting the different types of words during Guided Reading too. In our Handwriting lessons we will be revising all of the letters of the alphabet making sure that the flicks are in the right place ready for joining. The children will continue to visit the school library every Tuesday to select a book to take home.

Topic

Our Topic in the second part of the Autumn term is Making Things Better. We will be learning about Mary Seacole, how making good food choices keeps us healthy and turning our role play area into a hospital. If you have any props that you could donate for this, or feel that you could contribute to the children's learning by sharing your expertise, we would be most grateful. Our Science topic of Animal habitats will conclude at the end of this term.

Homework

Homework will continue to reflect how many of us learn best by doing a practical activity and giving the children the choice of how they record this home learning. Team points will of course be awarded for any homework brought in, this could be recorded by the children or a note from a parent. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly and practise spellings when they are sent home every Friday. Please make a comment on your child's reading in the record book: any child who brings in a signed Reading Record book will be awarded a team point. We will give your child an opportunity to change their reading books regularly but it is important that your child is confident reading the text and can discuss the book before changing it. When homework is given it will be sent out on a Wednesday and expected back on the following Monday. The children have 6 weeks to complete the listed challenges on their new Reading Passports. When they have completed a challenge they should bring the passport into school to receive a sticker. The deadline for handing in completed Passports is Monday 11th December.

Learning Buddies

Our class learning buddies Billy and Bob, will continue to be sent home with two children each week. The children can teach them anything from the weekly homework letter, cooking or sports skills. Please encourage your child to 'teach' the buddy the task and record this in writing, pictures or photographs in the accompanying book, ready for them to show the rest of the class when the buddy comes back to school. The buddies will go home on a Wednesday and come back to school on a Monday. All the children will have an opportunity to take the buddies home.

Lastly, please remember to save 500ml water bottles for making bug houses.

Many thanks

Mrs Swansborough and Miss Ellis