



Saplings Class

5th January 2018

Welcome back to our third term together. We have some great learning opportunities planned for this first Spring term. Over the next few weeks we will be covering the following areas.

Maths

Year 1 – counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, adding one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, solving missing number addition and subtraction problems using number bonds within 20, using the vocabulary of equal to, more than, less than, fewer, most, and difference, adding coins and giving change from 50p.

Year 2 – solve problems with addition and subtraction, subtract numbers including a two-digit number and ones, a two-digit number and tens and two two-digit numbers, use inverse to check the answers to calculation and find combinations of coins to make a value within £1.

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

English

We will be enjoying stories that are set in the United Kingdom, poetry and instruction writing. 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 and some of us will be using joined writing. The children will continue to visit the school library every Tuesday to select a book to take home.

Topic

Our Topic this term is We Are Britain, we will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and finding them on a map. Our role play area will be changed to a travel agency. 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 Everyday Materials will link with Design Technology when we will make puppets.

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, a photograph 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 5th February.

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.

Many thanks

Mrs Swansborough and Miss Ellis