



Saplings Class

16th April 2018

Welcome back to our fifth term together. How the year is flying by! We have some great learning opportunities planned for Term 5. Over the next few weeks we will be covering the following areas.

Maths

Year 1 – counting in 1s up to 100 and in 2s, 5s and 10s, beginning to recall multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Recalling odds and evens numbers, doubles and halves of even numbers to 20. Adding one-digit to a two-digit number 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, measuring capacity.

Year 2 – counting in 1s beyond 100, recalling the 2, 5 and 10 times table, solving problems with addition and subtraction, subtracting numbers including two, two-digit numbers, using inverse to check the answers to calculations and recognising odd and even numbers. Begin to recall related facts up to 100 i.e. $2+8=10$ so $20+80=100$. Round numbers to 100 to the nearest 10, finding the difference between two numbers within 50 and measuring capacity.

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

English

We will be enjoying more poems, writing letters, sequels to stories as well as writing information texts. We will continue to use colour coded words to help us write sentences and spotting the different types of words during Guided Reading too. Also, we will be increasing our collection of wow words that we have magpied from other writing and used in our own. In our Handwriting lessons we will be revising all of the capital letters of the alphabet and using an increasing amount of 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 Toys. We will be learning about how what toys looked like in the past and how toys have changed over the years. Our role play area will be changed to a toy shop, 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 Plants will cover both terms 5 and 6 and once again, if you have any particular expertise that could be shared with the class, please do let us know.

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.

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