

Saplings Class

4th September 2019

Welcome back, we hope you had an incredible summer holiday and that you are all enthusiastic for the year ahead. We have an exciting term planned, below I have outlined some of the areas we will be covering this term.

Topic

Our topic this term is pioneers, we will look at people from the past and how with pioneering ideas and inventions have impacted the world we live in today. We will look at how we can change the environment we live by inventing new machines and processes.

Maths

In maths we will be focus on number. We will learn about place value, addition and subtraction.

English

This term we will examine various poems, learning to recite with expression, creating our own nonsense words and writing some of our own poetry. We will celebrate Roald Dahl day by looking at some of his wonderful stories throughout the week, culminating in a dress-up day on Friday 13 September. We will also use some super story books to inspire the children to write their own stories or sentences.

Science

Our focus for the whole of the Autumn term will be on living things and their habitats.

Homework

The power project for this term is included with this newsletter. There are a variety of suggestions that should inspire the children. They have the whole term to work on their projects and may bring in completed homework anytime before the end of term. I will use the homework folder to send home spelling words, homework and any newsletters, the folders should be returned the next day.

Spelling

This Friday we will have a spelling test on some simple words that we have practiced in class this week, this will introduce the year 1 children to the spelling test, so that they understand how to practice and take the test. Thereafter spellings for each year group will be sent home in their homework folder on a Monday for our test that Friday.

Reading

All Saplings children will be sent home with a reading book and a reading record this week. Children should read their book daily to an adult. Please can you date and sign the reading records, any comment made is also greatly appreciated. Children can change their books daily, however an adult needs to have signed the reading record. I would like to remind you at this stage we really do not mind that books are kept for a few days, as this often helps develop fluency and confidence and as they progress through the levels, the books do increase in length. We also encourage you to ask questions to check their understanding and comprehension. Your children will be reading books that match their last reading assessment. We will endeavour to check these as quickly as we can to ensure they are reading at the correct level.

We look forward to a fun and exhilarating term with you and your children.

Mrs Prendergast, Mrs Welsh and Ms Johnson