



1st May 2024

Dear parents/guardians,

Summer Term 2024

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays; the children have settled really quickly into the class routines and have already greeted our new topic with enthusiasm and have been working incredibly hard.

Our topic this term is 'Fire and Ice', which is the same as, Birch Class. Here is a brief outline of our areas of study for this topic and term:

Science: We will explore 'Animals including humans'

Geography: We will explore the location of hot and cold places and explore these further identifying the animals that live in certain continents.

History: We will take a journey back in time to learn about the Great Fire of London.

Design Technology: We will design, make and evaluate a smoothie.

Art: Children will explore a variety of mixed media to create pictures. We will also be making a piece of art using a glass jar. The children will need to bring a clean glass jar to school by Monday 13th May.

Religious Education: This term our big questions are; 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' and 'Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish community?'

Computing: This term we are using Purple Mash to create pictures and ask and answer questions about data.

Music: We are continuing to learn the recorder which the children have been making brilliant progress with.

Physical Education: In school children will continue Games with Aspire coaches and we will be swimming for the first half-term. After half-term we will go back to PE lessons on a Tuesday where we will be getting ready for Sports Day and then learning some hockey skills.

French: with Madame Byers.

Learning for life: We will explore physical health and well-being.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be linked to our topic work when appropriate. The children will have regular reading lessons, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school. If any of you have extra time to spare and feel that you could support reading in school then please let the school office know. It is always appreciated by children and staff.

Homework:

Reading: Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible. We will continue to award reading stars to children who read 4 times or more in a week.

Spellings: I will continue to send home 5-8 words a week which we will be focussing on in class. These will be sent home on a Friday with a spelling test the following Thursday.

Maths: There will continue to be weekly maths homework linked to the work we are doing in class.

It has been wonderful to welcome your children back into class for what will be a very busy, action packed Summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alden

Dates for your Diary:

17th May – PTA Disco

21st June- School Fair

5th July – Sports day