Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you’ve enjoyed the holiday and you have had some opportunities for quality family time.

Curriculum

This week the class will be starting their new topic ‘Climbing High – Everest’. Attached to this letter are the areas we will be covering, split into each individual subject. We’ll be studying the 1953 ascent of Everest and exploring and thinking about how Mountains are formed. This will lead on to the identification of World famous mountains and we will be developing our map and research skills.

We have made some changes to the existing timetables. Please note the PE days are Wednesday and Friday and Computing and RE have swapped afternoons with our Topic work. We will stick to the timetable, unless we have Sports Festivals or extra whole school activities. Please could you make sure that your child always has their correct PE Kit in school. There have been a few occasions where children haven’t had shorts for Gym, outdoor clothing or have complained that their trainers don’t fit, so do check that they have everything.

Reading records are checked weekly and the children will continue to read in a group with an adult. It is down to the children to tell us when they need a new book and the children know that they should record any of their reading in their reading diaries. Please encourage the children to record their reading so we can keep our records up to date.

Homework

The children will continue to receive maths homework related to the activities covered in the week and are expected to work through their topic activities in the homework books. They will still have a spelling test on Wednesday and we are still checking that the children know and understand thoroughly the Spellings lists in their Learning packs. Some children are still working on their levels for Times Table Tuesday, so will still need help with this - thank you for your support.

We will again be emphasising that the children need to complete their homework to a Year 3 standard. They do enjoy sharing their homework with the rest of the class and love the recognition they receive from their peers, as well as from us, for a strong piece of work. The children are aware of our expectations and that any homework completed, is supposed to complement the work done in school. We realise that it is sometimes difficult to dedicate free time to homework but ask if you could remind your child about basic rules of presentation and encourage them to complete it to the best of their ability. Please let us know if you have any problems, as we will be monitoring closely the quality of homework and those children who complete homework on time.

Do not hesitate to get in touch by email if you haven’t managed to catch up with us during school hours.

Regards,

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