

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a fantastic Summer Break.



Volunteering in school.

We are always looking for people to listen to children read. If you are interested please come and see me, or contact the office

PE will be on Wednesday this half term and will be carried out by an outside coach.

Remember that earrings will need to be removed and may I please remind you to ensure your child has the correct kit. This includes the correct footwear (either trainers or plimsolls), as we

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to come and discuss them.

Mary Matthews



Newsletter

Year 4

Autumn Term 2017

What will we be doing this term?

Welcome back to a new school year. I am very excited to see the children and I am looking forward to getting to know the children, and working with them!

Topic

This year we will be continuing with a topic based approach where lessons will be created around our class topic. This half term our topic is "The Firebird", the Russian myth. Please see the attached topic grid for more details.

Swimming

This will be one of the biggest changes for the children this year. Swimming is compulsory and will take place every Thursday, starting on the 7th September. Children will need to bring in a towel, plain blue or black costume / blue or black trunks and a blue swimming hat. The hats can be purchased from the office. Please ensure that your child is sent in to school with a coat on swimming days. Even in fine weather, it can be cold on the way out. Earrings and jewellery should not be worn on swimming day.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Wednesdays, and should be returned by the following Monday. The homework usually reflects topics which have been covered in class, but sometimes it may require children to do independent research. There is a homework club, which runs on Thursdays after school, where children can be given help if they need it. Spellings will be given out on a Thursday, with a weekly spelling test on the following Thursday.

The Harmondsworth Mile.

You will probably be aware of recent concerns around physical inactivity and childhood obesity. In school we are introducing the Harmondsworth Mile where each class will walk a mile a few times a week.

Mindfulness.

Mindfulness is a technique that helps an individual to calm both their body and their thoughts. It can also help to reduce anxiety. In school we are introducing regular sessions of mindfulness as research shows it can improve emotional well being.