

Welcome Back!

I hope you all
had a
fantastic
Summer Break.



Newsletter

Year 4

Autumn Term 2018



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 6th 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 and Spellings

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, which children can attend and be given help if they need it. Spellings will be given out on a Thursday, with a weekly spelling test on the following Thursday.

PE

PE will be on Wednesday this half term and will be carried out by an outside coach. Remember that all jewellery 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 plim-

solls), as we do not have large stocks to lend.

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.

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

Mary Matthews

Pritt Sticks

As a school we use a huge amount of Pritt sticks throughout the year and the supply is shared by all of the classes. This means that it is not possible to provide classes with enough Pritt sticks for each child to have their own. This can cause a lot of waiting around when children need to stick in work. It would be beneficial to both the school and your child if they were able to bring in a labelled Pritt stick of their own please.

The Harmondsworth Mile.

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