

Elm Class Notes

Elm Class this year consists of 29 year three children. The class will be taught by Mr Baker and Mrs McKendrick will be our teaching assistant. She will work with us up until 11:45 each day.

Our topic for terms one and two will be Jurassic Journey. This will be a study of the Prehistory in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

School Priorities

As a school we set ourselves ambitious targets in order to continuously improve. Our school development priorities for this academic year are:

- Improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment particularly the challenge for higher attaining pupils
- Accelerate Progress and Improve outcomes for pupils particularly in maths
- Develop effective and sustainable leadership and management through rigorous monitoring
- Achieve good personal development, behaviour and welfare particularly through support for our most vulnerable and challenging pupils
- Create an environment ready for outstanding learning through continued development of outdoor and IT provision

PE

PE days will be Thursday and Friday but the children should have PE kit in school every day in case the timetable changes. All children participate in these activities and so it is important that they always have their **NAMED** PE kit in school hanging on their peg. A drawstring bag is preferable for space in the cloakroom. Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons and long hair needs to be tied back. Each day there is a daily run around the track and children may change into suitable footwear for this activity.

Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and will be in two parts: project based homework or computer based tasks. Work can be brought into school or e-mailed to: mrbaker@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk

In addition to this, children will be given a list of spellings for the term. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. The spellings are divided into bronze, silver and gold. The children will be advised as to which they should be learning as a minimum, however, we encourage them to challenge themselves to learn as many as they can.

We encourage children to read at home every night. This can be from their colour banded book or from other books that you may have available at home. Please make a note in the reading diary when you have heard your child read and when the book is finished. When a child has completed twenty reads in their reading diary they can bring it to Mrs Sammon or Mrs McLaughlin for a special stamp in their diary and will receive a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

Equipment

Children must have a water bottle in school, preferably with a sports cap. This should be placed in the tray at the back of the classroom each morning and taken home to wash every evening. To save confusion the bottles need to be clearly labelled, as do all clothes and bags. Children should not bring pencil cases.

Any bags need to be of an appropriate size as space in the cloakroom is limited. A book bag is ideal as it can also fit into a classroom drawer.

Behaviour

Our School Core Values are: currently under review and will be finalised shortly.

The rewards and sanctions are outlined below:

Rewards:

Smile
Verbal praise ('well done')
Thumbs-up
Applause
Stickers
Written comments on work
Team points
Star of the Day

Sanctions:

Verbal warning
Time Out
Class Teacher/Mrs Sammon to contact
parents/carers

Please refer to our School Behaviour Policy for more information (which is currently being finalised).

Key Diary Dates

Reception/Key Stage One Phonics Workshop 20th September 2017 (which some Year 3 parents may wish to attend)

Individual School Photos 28th September 2017

Maths Workshop for Parents 11th October 2017

INSET Day 30th October 2017

Maths Open Morning for Parents – TBA

Class Assembly 17th October 2017.

Proposed trip to Stonehenge 29th November 2017.

Parent Consultations 14th November 2017 (5.00-7.30pm) and 15th November 2017 (3.30-5.30pm)

Help from Parents

Hearing readers, assisting with practical activities, preparing materials etc is much appreciated by teachers and children. It is not necessary to commit yourself to come in for a whole morning or afternoon or to come every week, and no experience is necessary. If you would like to help, please feel free to come and have a chat now or at any time during the year. A full DBS is required for regular volunteers.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment to meet with me after school.

Mr Baker