



Skylarks' Newsletter - Autumn Term 2024

Welcome to Skylarks! We hope you all enjoyed the summer break. Your new teachers are Mrs Travis and Miss Jell.

Curriculum News

This term our topic is 'Romans'.

Through this topic, we will be exploring the legend of how Rome was founded and investigate how the empire grew. We will learn about the social structure and organisation of ancient Rome, while also looking at the daily life of Romans, what they did for entertainment and their mythology; including gods and goddesses.



After half term, we will move on to a UK study with a local focus (looking at where we live).

In maths, we will be revising place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In literacy, we will be looking at the story of 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy' by Oliver Jeffers. They will have the opportunity to write their own narrative comedy.



Reading

The children will be provided with 2 books from school which be can changed as often as you would like. When you share a book with your child at home, **please write a comment in the reading diary**. One book will be from our class library and the other from our levelled reading scheme. Please remember that children of all ages and abilities still love having a story read to them too!



I will be checking the reading diaries each week, and I kindly ask that the children hand these into me each Monday.

Science - Scientific Enquiry

Science this term is all about the skills of scientific enquiry. They will use skills of prediction, drawing conclusions, looking at variables in an experiment and asking scientific questions.

Homework

With effect from Wednesday 11th September, your child will be given a piece of homework to complete each week on Class Dojo. This will be set on a **Wednesday** on Class Dojo, and should be returned by the **Monday**. There may be some weeks were homework is not set. Please don't worry, this is normal!



Each Monday we will send home spelling words that we would like your child to learn. **These will be tested every Friday.** The spelling words are linked to the Year 3 and 4 National Curriculum spellings and the Key Stage 1 / Key Stage 2 spelling rules and patterns.

We also expect that the children access their Timestables Rockstars account for at least 15 minutes each week to practise their tables - reminders of login passwords will be sent home shortly.

If your child has been given a Nessy account by school, we recommend that they spend at least 15 minutes per week on this too. Data has demonstrated that it can dramatically improve the reading and spelling of pupils who use Nessy regularly. Reminders of passwords will be sent at the start of the term.

P.E.

Our P.E. days will be **Tuesdays**. However, your child should have their P.E kit in school from Monday to Friday in case there is a change in timetable. The kit should consist of shorts, T shirt and trainers. Children are allowed to wear tracksuits in cooler weather. Please make sure that if your child has long hair, it is tied back and any child who wears earrings needs to have them removed/covered.



Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a **named** water bottle to school **each day**. This is essential not only for preventing dehydration, but also helps the children to concentrate in class! Please continue this throughout the school year, even as the weather becomes cooler.



We are here to help...

There can be times in a child's life when personal circumstances may affect his/her learning or behaviour in school. Please be reassured that if the need arises, you are welcome to **message us on Class Dojo** or **phone the office** to arrange a telephone appointment.

If you need to contact us, please direct your queries towards the teacher who is in on that day. Mrs Travis will be working Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Miss Jell will be working Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Finally, thank you in advance to the pupils and parents of Skylarks for your support, and we are looking forward to guiding the children in expanding their brains!

Mrs Travis and Miss Jell



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