



Spring Term 2019 Bumblebee Class



Reading & Writing

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book and reading diary.

Please ensure you record in the diary every time your child reads. We are keeping close track of the amount of times your child is reading at home and awards have been given to those who have reached particular milestones. Some children have already read over 100 times since September. Books are changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The children will continue to write for a variety of purposes. This includes lists, recipes, labels, letters, stories, posters. We shall be learning to use a wider range of punctuation including speech marks, question marks and exclamation marks.

In phonics we shall continue with Phase 5. The children will learn to say the sound for any grapheme they are shown, write the common graphemes for any given sound (e.g. 'e,' 'ee,' 'ie,' 'ea') and use their phonic knowledge to read and spell unfamiliar words of up to three syllables. They will learn to read all of the 100 high frequency words, and be able to spell most of them and also practice forming letters correctly, using a cursive style. At the end of Year 1, all children are given a Phonics Screening Check to ensure they have mastered the appropriate knowledge. I shall be delivering an information session about the screening test later in the term, further details to follow.

Maths

In Maths, the children will become more familiar with numbers to 100. They shall represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. They shall solve missing number problems, involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and solve problems in number stories. They will be gaining confidence in dividing shapes into halves and quarters and measure and record weight and capacity, They will learn to recognise and know the different denominations of coins and notes and also tell the time to the hour and half past.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Get Out of My Swamp'. In Science the children will be learning about materials. They will be identifying a range of materials, making distinctions between the material and its object as well as conducting investigations which will enable them to make decisions about which materials are best for a particular purpose. Please follow up our learning by identifying different objects in the home and talking with your child about the material that it is made from.

Homework

This shall continue to take the form of a half termly project based on our current learning in class. It appears as though 'Mathletics' is still proving tricky for some children to access. Please come in and see me if this is still the case for your child and I shall try to arrange for a lunchtime session for them to compete their homework in school. For the children who are able to access the website, the feedback from parents is positive and I am beginning to see impact on their progress in class. Please also remember to practice weekly spellings which are tested on a Friday,

P.E

Our P.E. days continue to be Wednesday and Thursday. It is vitally important that children follow the school P.E dress code and their kit should consist of black school polo P.E. shirt (now available through the school website link) and black shorts/joggers/leggings or white t-shirt and black bottoms. Mr Milner does generally take the children outside so a tracksuit is certainly recommended. If your child forgets their P.E. kit they will still be expected to join in with the lesson but unfortunately will lose minutes of their next playtime.

And Finally.....

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Bourne to our class, who joins us from the 'Teach East' teacher training programme until February half term. Miss Russell is currently on placement at Hampton College Primary and will return after February half term.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Sheridan, Mrs Massingham, Miss Goodwin, Mrs Phillips, Miss Bourne