

Cool Conkers



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back for the last school term; we can't believe how fast this year is going. We hope you have had a lovely Easter. This is the shortest half term of the year, so below is some information on what we have done so far and what we will be doing for the rest of this half term.

Spellings

It would be helpful if children could leave their spelling books in their book bags so they can use the words to complete various spelling activities in school. Although spelling tests are done weekly (fortnightly for year three), there are times when I am not in school; in this instance, spellings will be done the next day or the following Monday.

Timetable

Monday – Theme/Science

Tuesday – Theme/Science

Wednesday – Theme/Science

Thursday – Spellings

Friday – Funky Friday/PE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF – TERM!

17TH MAY – MUMS AND LADIES DAY

18TH MAY – WATER SAFETY TALK

23RD MAY – KINGSWOOD PARENT MEETING

26TH MAY – BHF SPONSORED EVENT

26TH MAY – BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Homework

At the recent parent evening, I gave out home learning packs, just a reminder to continue using these throughout the year with your child. In addition to this, it would be beneficial to your child if you encouraged them to do the following each day (minimum five minutes per activity) read, practise spellings (in books) and words from phonics lessons (reading and spelling). Each half term, children will also be given a themed homework task in preparation for the next topic.

We would be grateful if we could have donations of wood/kindling for Forest Schools, and any old pots, pans and utensils for our Mud Kitchen!

Friendly reminder.

Please can you ensure that your child brings their water bottle into school each day? Your child may come to school in their PE kits on Funky Friday.

Reading

Children will read once a week (to an adult or an older child), take part in a guided reading session once a week, access Bug Club, partake in shared reading (in literacy and across the curriculum) and complete reading comprehension activities. Children should be reading to an adult for at least five minutes each day. **Please can you make sure you write in the reading record book so that we know where your child has got up to or if there is something they need to focus on?**

ICT

Children will be learning how to create algorithms. As always, children will access iPads for educational purposes and will be reminded of e-safety.

Forest School

Forest School will start next half term. The children will be learning how to safely use tools and light fires. We will be sharing lots of stories around the fire and eating toasted marshmallows. We will also be holding our annual Forest School party towards the end of the summer term.

Literacy

This half term the children will be looking at the traditional tale of 'Hansel and Gretel'. The children know the story well and will be using their knowledge to compare characters, write letters and re-tell the story in a different way. The children will also be designing a travel leaflet on Germany.

Mathematics

We have started the half term with a focus on place value. Year one children are working on writing the numbers 1-20 in words. We will then be looking at naming and comparing 2D/3D shapes and angles with a big focus on problem solving and reasoning.

Themed Curriculum

This half term, children are learning about the origins of Hansel and Gretel – Germany!

So far we have...

- Recorded the weather in England and Germany to compare the Climate
- Located Germany on a map of Europe and talked about Capital Cities
- Written a Germany snapshot
Next we will be...
- Learning about the place, including the human and physical geography



Where do Hansel and Gretel live?