Cool Conkers

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely week off and are ready for the run up to Christmas. This part of the year is always a busy and exciting time for children (and staff). Our theme for this half term is: What is Spirituality?

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

Tuesday – Science

Wednesday - Theme

Thursday –Spellings

Friday – Funky Friday/PE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF – TERM!

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – MRS PEERS OUT/SUPPLY/MRS MARSHALL

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – MRS PEERS OUT (PM)/MRS MITCHELL

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – CHILDREN IN NEED

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – MRS PEERS OUT/SUPPLY

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – MATHS PARENT'S MEETING

TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – MRS PEERS OUT/MRS MARSHALL/MRS MITCHELL

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – MRS PEERS OUT/SUPPLY

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER – SEEING IS BELIEVING

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER – MRS PEERS OUT/SUPPLY

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER - DADS AND LADS DAY; EYFS/KS 1 NATIVITY

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER – PANTO

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS LUNCH, PARTIES – WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER – BREAK UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS...PHEW!

Homework

Children will sometimes be given a short piece of homework for numeracy and literacy, usually on a Friday. 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.

As you can see I am out a lot this half term, but please be assured, this is necessary. Education is constantly changing and we endeavour to keep up to date with these changes in order to deliver the best education we can for your child. Mrs Mitchell (or regular supply) will mostly be teaching in Conkers, this gives her opportunity to complement teaching and learning in our class.

As you know, the dark nights are here and the weather has become colder. Please can you make sure your child brings their coat to school?

Forest School

Forest School has finished now; it will continue in the spring term. We are currently in the process of developing our Mud Kitchen for the children to use. Watch this space!

Mathematics

This half term we will be focusing on fractions, statistics, measurements and calculations.

Themed Curriculum

This half term, children will be developing their understanding of spirituality including:

- Buddhism
- Being kind to ourselves as well as others
- Developing a growth mind set and adopting a 'Can do' attitude

ICT

Children will continue to look at turtle logo, scratch, paint and presentation programmes.

Literacy

This half term the children will be looking at and creating their own bonfire poems. We will then be reading Fantastic Mr Fox and concentrating on character descriptions.

What is Spirituality?

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?**