



Martins Class – Term 1 Newsletter – September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer and are as excited as I am to be starting a new academic year!

Our Learning this term

For the next 2 terms, our topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age' where we will be learning about early civilisation, looking at prehistoric artefacts and evidence such as Hillforts, Stonehenge and Skara Brae. In mathematics this term, our focus will be on place value and addition and subtraction. In PSHE we will be learning how to be 'heart-smart' including how our own emotions affect our actions and recognising emotions in others. We will also be learning about light and dark in science. Please have a look at our Curriculum Map for more information.

Weekly Routines and General information

From this week, homework will be set every Monday and due in the following Monday, although you can always hand it in earlier if complete. Children will receive a homework book this week and will be tasked with decorating it. As part of their homework, children will be set weekly spellings to learn and given a times table to focus on. Times tables and spellings can either be practised online or on paper. These will be tested every Friday. I would also like to ask that children take their reading books home and return them to school each day to enable them to read as much as possible. We will continue to monitor reading through Accelerated Reader as well as checking reading records.

PE will be taught every Monday. This term our focus is on invasion games. Please can you ensure that PE kits remain in school for the duration of the term so that children have access to it should we need to change our timetable for any reason. PE kits can be taken home at the end of each term to be washed and then returned for the following term. Forest School will take place on Thursday mornings starting on 21st September. More information regarding Forest School will be shared in due course.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Please note, these must only be filled with water – thank you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. Remember, you can contact me via Seesaw, and I will also use this to communicate notes and messages to you as well as using it to share your child's learning with you – so do check regularly. Please note that children will have new Seesaw journals for this academic year which will mean new login details. More information and the details you need to get connected will be sent out soon.

Best wishes,

Mr Mankelow and Mrs Saunders