

## **Peacocks Class-Term 1 Newsletter (September 2023)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break and I look forward to getting to meet you all, either again or for the first time, over the next few weeks.

Our overarching topic for term one is “Marvelous Maps and Magnificent Mountains” followed by “Rivers” in term two. Please have a look through our curriculum map to find out more information about what we will be studying this term. If there is anything you would like to contribute through your own knowledge, experience, links or resources, please do let us know!

Reading for pleasure will, as always, be a huge focus in Peacocks Class. Reading for 20 minutes per day has been proven to dramatically improve children’s imagination, vocabulary and comprehension skills. As a result, we would appreciate your support and encouragement by continuing daily reading at home. We will also be teaching reading skills within our curriculum and monitoring progress through Accelerated Reader.

Regarding mathematics, it is important that children are fluent when using the four operations, including in different contexts e.g. fractions, decimals, percentages and measurement. As a result, mathematics homework will be comprised largely of fluency questions to encourage children to revisit these skills as often as possible. Please ask for guidance in completing any methods if needed.

### **Please see below some key information regarding routines:**

- Reading books and reading records should be brought into school every day. Please use each large box in the reading record for one week’s worth of reading. In the box, include the date your child has read and a short comment.
- Spelling will be tested every Friday with new spellings being sent out on the same day.
- Homework will be given every Friday and should be returned every Wednesday for marking. This will be made up of spellings, reading and mathematics which will either be arithmetic (fluency) or linked to what we have been learning that week. One additional topic-based project will be given every term to allow further research and creativity!
- PE will be every Friday with Mrs Keir. Please make sure that your child’s PE kit is labelled. If possible, PE kits should be in school every day to allow slight changes to the timetable.
- Information regarding forest school sessions will be sent out in due course
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day which can be kept in the classroom for them to have access to throughout the day

- Rewards - as a class, we will continue to collect marbles in a jar which are earned through whole class achievements. We will also have Team Points for individual achievements.

Please don't hesitate to contact me via Seesaw, or in person on the playground at the end of the day if you have any questions or queries. We are really looking forward to the term ahead.

Kind regards

*Mrs Garland and Mrs Smith*