

WELCOME to Dahl Class !



Information for parents - September 2018

Welcome back to a new school year! I am sure we are going to have a great start and we are ready for a lot of work and fun. The following should provide you with some guidance for the remainder of the term. Your continued support in regards to homework and behaviour is much appreciated.

Homework

Homework will be handed out on Friday and should be returned the next Wednesday. Homework will consist of a piece of Maths and English work each week. If your child is struggling with his or her homework, they must come to Miss Harding for help before the day it is due back. Spelling tests will be carried out daily from the half-term spelling list that is sent home. They will focus on a week at a time and we encourage children to practice at home. In addition to this, the children will also undergo a 10x10 multiplication grid every day and there is the expectation that the children will revise their multiplication facts at home.

Behaviour

We have a 'Good to be Green' behaviour system in class. In holding high expectations for behaviour, we encourage all children to remain on green the whole day. Sometimes a warning is needed and a yellow card is given. There are no consequences for receiving a yellow card. Occasionally, a red card is given and the child will miss 5 minutes of playtime. This is part of normal classroom behaviour management. Parents should be concerned, but not overly alarmed about a red card. However, should the behaviour persist and have an impact on your child's learning, I will arrange a meeting with you.

Swimming and PE

P.E will now be on a Friday and the children will be expected to bring in their kits to school to get changed. For outdoor P.E., we encourage the wearing of long tracksuit trousers, and a jumper may be useful when the weather turns colder, trainers are also encouraged. **Please note that earrings should be removed.**

Reading

Please try and hear your child read as often as possible, ask questions and discuss the story. Tell him/her new words after encouraging her/him to sound out the word first. Even if your child is a good reader and reads of his/her own accord, it is really valuable to help them explore the book in more depth by discussing why the author has used particular words or asking about characters' motivations and feelings. Your child has a reading diary that they should take home every day and it is encouraged that parents fill the diary in with any comments that they have about your child's reading or signed to acknowledge your child has read.

An overview of the term

Dahl class will be swimming this term, on a Friday, and will need to bring both a swimming and PE kit with them into school for this day, as the children will now be changing for PE during the school day.

This term is a Science filled topic that focuses on electricity and magnets. The children will discover how we use electricity in everyday life and why magnets act in the way that they do. The children will have the end goal of building a security system that the Three Little Pigs could use in order to keep the Big Bad Wolf out. This will require the children to use all of the skills that they have acquired over the course of the term.

In Maths, we will be revising and expanding our learning with regards to place value and addition and subtraction. The children will be using a variety of resources to help them learn the value of each digit in a number, thus assisting in their mental math abilities.

For English this term, the children will be focusing upon fairy tales, in particular Cinderella, both traditional and from other cultures.. They will need to use their creative writing skills and use of figurative language in order to create a detailed setting and in depth characters.

If you have any questions please feel free to make an appointment to meet with me.

Kind Regards,

Miss Harding