

## WELCOME back Dahl Class !



### Information for parents - April 2018

Welcome back after the long Easter half term! I hope you had a wonderful time and you're ready for an exciting term full of hard work and fun activities. 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 Monday and should be returned the next Friday. 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 on a Monday and children are expected to take their spellings home each week to learn. In addition to this, the children will also undergo a times table grid every day and there is the expectation that the children will revise their times tables 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.

#### PE

P.E will continue to be on a Wednesday. 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

This term Dahl class will be learning about plants and animals. This will include leaning about their life cycles, food chains, classifications and many other areas. We will also be joined by a small group of ants and their queen, who we will be able to observe in ant farms that have been set up in the classroom. In addition to this, we will also have the opportunity to share experiences with other mini beasts that class 1 will be keeping.

In Maths, there will be a focus on measurement, specifically regarding money. This will have the children using decimals to add and subtract as well as having to convert money from pence to pounds and vice versa. Later on in the term, there will be a focus upon statistics. This will involve the children learning about different graphs and charts and being able to collect and record their own data.

This term's English will have a focus on adventure stories. The children will be writing their own adventure stories, starting with the plot and including a flash back. They will also be basing an adventure story on 'A Bug's Life' as this will connect with our topic. They will be writing a story from an ants perspective and a journey they will take.

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

Kind Regards,

Miss Harding