

WELCOME to Dahl Class !



Information for parents - January 2018

Welcome back to the Spring Term! I hope you have all had a good rest and you're ready for a full term 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 multiplication table grid every day and there is the expectation that the children will revise their multiplication 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 delving into a DT and Science based topic that will be focused around the book of Mrs Armitage on Wheels. The children will be learning how to make their own vehicles out of the materials they have at school and the forces that are needed to not only make them move but also to make them stop. They will also be looking at Henry Ford and how vehicles have changed throughout history.

In Maths, there will be a focus on the children developing their multiplication and division strategies before moving onto the world of fractions.

For English this term, the children will be first looking at writing fantasy fiction based on a short clip called The Dream Giver. They will be learning how to use figurative language in order to broaden their descriptions. Moving on from this, the children will be linking their literacy with their topic as they focus on The-shirt machine and the creation of their own inventions. The children will be writing chronological reports as well as newspaper reports about their inventions.

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

Kind Regards,

Miss Harding