

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2020

September

- 1st Staff training day
- 2nd Children return to school
- 3rd Year 5 and 6 new class information meeting via Microsoft Teams
- 18th Bag2School collection
- 22nd – Photographer in school – individual photographs
- 24th Parent teacher meetings- via Microsoft Teams

October

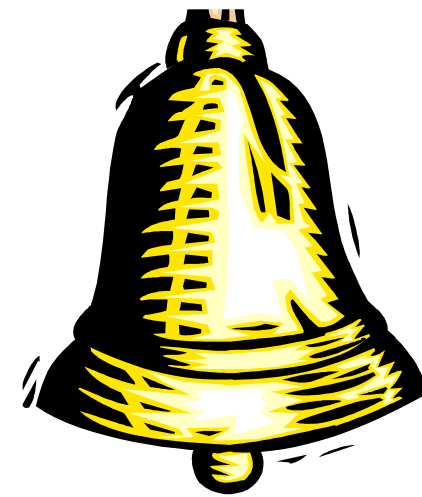
- 22nd Open evening – everyone invited
- 23rd Staff training day- children not in school
- 26th - 30th Half Term

November

- 2nd Staff training day- children not in school
- 5th Parent teacher via Microsoft Teams - online booking system
- 9th Parent teacher meetings via Microsoft Teams - online booking system
- 13th Children in Need – non uniform day in return for a donation for the charity

December

- 11th Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th Reception children Christmas party – afternoon
- 16th Year 5 and 6 Christmas party – afternoon
- 18th Last day of term



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Dear Parents,

We have a very exciting term planned for the children. Our topic, after we have spent a short while with some settling-in activities, will be Space, taking us up until the Christmas holidays.

Through this topic the children will be taught: mapping the solar system, forces – including gravity, air and water resistance- Holst's The Planets, history of space exploration and observational drawings.

Our topics will support our English studies, which will include poetry, explanation, persuasive, recount, descriptive and narrative texts.

In maths, we will focus on place value of whole and decimal numbers, calculation skills and fractions, decimals and percentages.

PE Lessons PE lessons will be every Friday; therefore, children should come to school wearing their PE kit, including their blue school jumper.

PE kit is: white shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plain coloured t shirt linked to your child's house (no football shirts) and school sweatshirt, trainers or pumps, socks if your child wears tights.

***PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THE CORRECT PE KIT- IT IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY.**

How You Can Help Your Child At Home

Spelling homework: Your child will receive spellings that are required to be known for their age group. This spelling list is sent home at the beginning of each term. These spellings will be tested, randomly, on a weekly basis. Some children will receive individual spelling lists, which will be worked on a week by week basis.

Children are expected to practise their times tables regularly, which are tested three times per week. Children should be aware of which times table they are focusing on, in accordance with their 66 club assessment.

It is vitally important that year 5 children are confident in their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of year 5, as this will significantly help their learning going into year 6.

Children will also have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities.

Each month a maths challenge is set- copies of the challenge can be found on the school website and outside Miss Longworth's office.

There will be activities linked to a particular author each term. Details of the tasks will be posted on the school website and newsletter. Children will be encouraged to take part in as many tasks as they wish during the half term and then bring their completed tasks in to school before the half term break, when their work will be celebrated.

As well as supporting your child in completing their homework you can also support their learning by:

Reading with your child each day and asking them questions about the texts that they are reading. Children need to read a variety of texts – newspapers, blogs, recipes, instructions...

Helping your child learn their times tables by constant repetition.

Please do not hesitate to ask me if you have any queries or questions. If at any time you need to talk to me in more depth about an issue please arrange a meeting through the school office.