

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2020

September

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

October

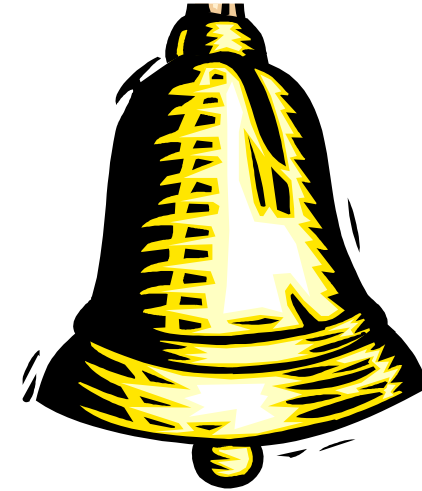
- 22nd Open evening – everyone invited
- 23rd Staff training day- children not in school
- 26th - 30th Half Term

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
- 17th Year 1 and year 2 Christmas party – afternoon
- 18th Last day of term



Southam Primary School
Where Getting Better Never

Heron Class
Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents,

We have a very exciting term planned for the children. Our topic during this term is “Into the Forest”.

Through this topic the children will be taught about habitats, woodland creatures and food chains using forest school style skills. We shall also undertake art projects using sculpture and learn about the celebrations of Halloween, Bonfire night and the Christmas story.

Our topics will support our English studies, which will include story writing using the influence of woodland themed books, writing fact pages about woodland creatures and creating celebratory themed poetry.

In maths, we will focus on number, place value, addition and subtraction.

PE Lessons and Forest School PE lessons will be every Friday, therefore children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

PE kit is: white shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plain white school polo T-shirt and school sweatshirt, trainers or pump, socks if your child wears tights.

Forest School activities will not be the same as those undertaken in year 1. We will simply be using the Forest school area to help with our topical learning and to aid children with the transition back into school after the lockdown period. Therefore they will simply need to wear PE kit, they will not need any wellington boots / waterproof trousers etc. Forest school sessions will be on Tuesday.

How You Can Help Your Child At Home

Maths Homework will be given out via Class Dojo on Wednesday each week and collected on Monday of the following week. As there is a

small turnaround time with homework marking, should any children hand it in late (the Wednesday morning, for example) it will not be marked.

Homework will consist of:

Maths (1 worksheet per week)

Spelling (a list of words linked to phonic learning or spelling rules)

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.