

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

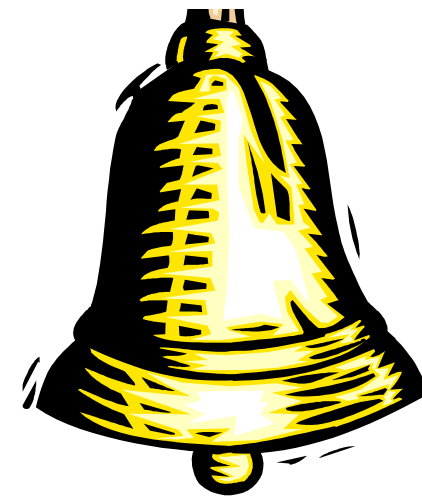
- 22nd Open evening – everyone invited
- 23rd Staff training day- children not in school
- 26th - 30th Half Term

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

Penguin 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: Tracksuit bottoms, trainers, a white school polo shirt and school jumper. Due to current guidance we ask that your child comes to school in their PE clothing on Fridays and they will remain in these clothes for the whole day.

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 the same as their PE day, they will not need any wellington boots / waterproof trousers etc.

How You Can Help Your Child At Home

Maths Homework will be given out via Class Dojo on Wednesday each week and checked via Class Dojo on Monday of the following week. No paper copies of homework need to come into school. As there is a small turnaround time with homework marking, if it is not posted by Wednesday we may not be able to check it.

Spelling (a list of words linked to phonic learning or spelling rules) Spelling words will be posted on Class Dojo on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

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

Each month a maths challenge is set- copies of the challenge can be found on the school website.

There will be activities linked to a particular author each term. Details of these 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 will be advised how to submit their completed tasks (e.g. via Class Dojo).

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.