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Happy New Year!

Let's Explore!

Welcome back to school everyone and here is to a healthy new year! The children have returned to school in a positive manner and demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards their new learning for this term.

Our learning starts off with a stint of 'forest school' to learn new skills and introduce the children to our 'Let's Explore' topic. In our geography lessons, we will be exploring South America and we will be building on our knowledge and geographical skills. We will hone in on our map reading skills and be analysing regions of South America and compare to the UK. As we head into Term 4, we will focus on the rainforests within South America and apply our understanding of human and physical geography.

The children will be building on their work with various genres of writing. We will be kicking off with our suspense writing, using the text 'A monster Calls', 'The Graveyard' and 'The Explorer'. We will then move onto biographies focussing on the explorer Ernest Shackleton and then analyse exploratory poetry as well as creating their own.

The children will be learning the statutory spelling words for KS2. Keep practising these!

READING AT HOME

Your child would have been given a yellow reading record which **must come to school everyday**. When you hear your child read, please record into this. Please make sure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week!

HOMEWORK

Children are set weekly spelling words to practise which will be tested the following week. They are also set Mathletics tasks to complete each week by Mrs. Bodiam. Please also ensure they are reading at least 5 times a week. Termly homework will be sent out this week.

KEY INFORMATION

- PE is Friday afternoons which will be gymnastics for this term. Please ensure they have their kit on when they come into school on those days. Kit is black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt and trainers.
- Forest school is on Thursday afternoons. Please check separate letter with further details about this.

SATS WEEK

SATs week will be Monday 9th May to Thursday 12h May 2022. It is compulsory the children sit these tests. There will be a SATS meeting this term via loom on Classdojo. More details to follow!

SAGE



See

What can you see?
Words you know and things in the picture to help.



Already know

What do you already know about this?



Guess

What can you guess about it?



Explain

Think about this information and explain what is happening.



After



each



page



think...



Who is in the story?



When is it happening?



Where is it happening?



What is happening?
What is the problem or solution?

Reading

Children should be reading daily for at least **20 minutes** with an adult. This can be the school book or another book of their choice, so long as they're reading!

To the left is the SAGE approach that we use in school to help the children develop their comprehension skills. This approach is used across the school so you can continue to use this as your children grow older!

When you are reading with your children, this is an effective structure to follow to help their understanding and enjoyment.

We have dedicated reading lessons 5 days a week focusing on children reading independently, in pairs and in adult focused groups.

The children will develop their comprehension skills through the 7 reading strategies;

- Prediction
- Clarifying
- Questioning
- Making Links
- Summarising
- Evaluating
- Inference

All question types and discussions focus on the SATs expectations and language in order to prepare them for this in a meaningful way. It is making a fantastic impact already and if you have any questions about this, please ask away!

