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Dear Parents

We hope you all had a good Easter holiday and your child has come back refreshed and ready for all that the Summer term will bring!

Summer Terms 5 and 6 in Woodpecker Class



“Sea Life”

We are looking forward to an exciting term investigating animals and habitats in science. In history and English, we will begin by looking at pirates and sailing ships. We will make contrasts with how pirates are portrayed in stories and legend to the historical evidence. The sea will be our inspiration for further writing and creative art projects as well as fueling our geographical enquiries and skills. Further details are outlined in the curriculum topic chart attached. We are still in the process of evaluating and planning a possible trip in June and will inform you as soon as details are finalised.

If you have anything that may be of interest for our studies, please let us know.

Year 2 National Tests (SATs) and the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check.

Year two will complete the national tests before the end of May and year one children will take the Phonics Screening Check in June. Information about these statutory national assessments is attached with this newsletter. In the year two notes, from the parent teacher information session in term 4, there is a useful link to a short video about the year two tests.

Reading

Children can change their reading books when required, choosing any book from their book band colour (on the library shelves). There are also opportunities to read in class and to change books during most days. New books should be recorded in the reading record book kept in your child's book bag. Please continue to add comments about your child's reading in the reading record book. Children are expected to read at home to an adult every day if possible for about 15 minutes.

Home learning

Spelling home learning will be sent home by Mrs. Liddiard on **Fridays** to work on for a test each following Friday. Yellow Spelling books should continue to be kept in book bags daily as they will be checked regularly and used in class.

Maths home learning will be Mathletics and practicing Maths Passports every week.

Project Work

In line with our amended home learning policy, following the parent questionnaire, Mrs Pugh will be sending out details and a grid of ideas for topic related homework. A separate letter will be sent out shortly. At least one activity should be completed during term 5 and at least one during term 6. Children should bring in evidence of the home learning to share with the class.

PE Kit Reminder

PE kits need to be in school **every day**. Please check that your child has the correct, **labelled** kit in school (i.e. navy shorts, white t-shirt, daps and socks). For outdoor PE children will need suitable footwear and black or navy tracksuit/jogging trousers.

Water bottles and sun protection

Please send a **named** water bottle to school each day, this will be essential as the weather becomes warmer during the summer months. The children will be encouraged to drink water from their own water bottles which can be filled in school during the day. Also, as the weather is going to be great this summer, (always optimistic in Woodpeckers) you may wish to send a sun hat and clearly labelled sun cream into school for the children to wear at break times and during outdoor sports sessions.

Gem Learning Power

During the summer, we will continue to develop our “learning power”, encouraging children to work together to improve their ability to learn. The focus in term 5 and 6 will be on emerald power which promotes resilience, willingness to “have a go”, and learning from our mistakes. The children should already be able to tell you about diamond learning power which encourages them to solve their own problems, ruby power which encourages children to support each other and sapphire power which is all about managing distractions.

Helping in school.

As always, we really welcome offers of help in the classroom, particularly in the afternoons and to listen to children read or to help and supervise their use of the computers. If you think you can spare half an hour or more then please come and talk with us. Also, there are other jobs such as gardening or tidying/organising the library that you may wish to volunteer for.

Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

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