

Aquila and Cygnus Class

We hope the children are looking forward to a well-earned half term break in which to re-charge their batteries in preparation for another fun and productive half term of learning. We will be available at the classroom door at the beginning and end of the school day if you need to speak to us or have any concerns. If you have any queries at any point during the year please do not hesitate to contact us or make an appointment to meet Mrs Sawford, Mrs Flack or Mrs Warne.

Homework

Homework for English and Maths is set every Monday. Homework grids are stuck in the beige or pink homework books and it is to be returned by the following Monday. The children are able to choose from a range of activities from the grids. We will continue to set online maths activities on www.mathletics.co.uk to consolidate that week's learning. For any children that don't have internet access at home, we will ensure they have an opportunity to complete any online tasks at school.

Reading continues to be a big focus for the school. The requirement is that the children read at least 70 pages per week. Their reading records and reading books need to be in school every day and will be checked regularly. In the event a child does not have their reading record or if they have not met the requirements set out above, they will be required to complete this in their own time.

The children have been told to approach us before Thursday if they are having problems with any part of their homework. Please feel free to write comments in your child's book as to how you feel they coped with the tasks set.

Spellings will be set on Monday each week and will be tested on Friday. We will include a spelling sheet with homework which will have their spelling words along with ideas for how to practise learning them.

Ways in which you can help your child:

- * Check homework books and support your child in completing their homework.
- * Regularly read with your child and discuss their books with them including asking lots of questions to ensure they have a good understanding of what they are reading.
- * Test your child on their spellings and the times tables they are working on.

PE

Children must have their correct PE kit in school at all times. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on Monday and that it is taken home to be washed as necessary. Children will need **both indoor kit** (blue shorts and a white T shirt) **and outdoor kit** (jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt, a separate white T shirt and sensible, supportive training shoes) throughout the term. PE kit must be named in order to avoid a large amount of lost property. Earrings **MUST** be removed for all PE lessons.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 28 th October	Term starts
Monday 18 th November	Parents Reading Evening (5pm-6pm)
18 th – 22 nd November	Assessment week
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Carol concert (2pm-3pm)
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Carol concert (10am-11am)
Thursday 12 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Carol concert (6pm – 7pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch
Tuesday 17 th December	Class Festive Fun Afternoon
Wednesday 18 th December	Last day of term
Friday 3 rd January	INSET day (children not in school)
Monday 6 th January	Term starts (children return)

Earthquakes & Volcanoes



Music

The children will be learning how to use their voices with increasing accuracy as we rehearse for our Christmas carol concert.

English

Year 4 will be stepping into imaginary lands with inspiration from the key texts, 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'The Borrowers'. The children will then create their own story set in a fictional world.

We will learn instruction writing through creating jam tart recipes for the Queen of Hearts and chair making instructions.

Geography

We will be learning about volcanos & earthquakes, including describing and understanding key aspects of their physical geography.

DT and Art

We will be learning the skills needed to design and make our own pop-up reading books.

Science

This term we will be learning about the positive and negative impacts humans have on our environment locally, nationally, and around the world.

MFL

We will continue to learn the days of the week, months of the year, birthdays and exclamations in Spanish.

RE

With a focus on Judaism, we will look at beliefs about creation.

PSHE

We will explore our own emotions, and learn about the impact bullying has on us, and others.

PE

Dance – this unit is based around the theme of cold places. The children will improve skills in travelling, jumping, turning, stillness, gesturing and changing shape.

Games – We will develop skills in basketball and netball.

Numeracy

This half term we will look at:

- Written methods for multiplication and dividing with & without a remainder.
- Decimals column addition.
- Adding 3-digit numbers.
- Doubling & halving 3-digit numbers.
- Converting grams to kilograms and millilitres to litres.
- Reading scales and estimating capacities.
- Rounding to the nearest whole number, ten, hundred and thousand.

Computing

The children will be investigating the function of hardware, and will complete an animation program.