

Emerald Class

We have an exciting year ahead, packed with fun and interesting topics. It's a real treat to have this class back again and I am really looking forward to seeing the children make progress throughout the year. If there is something that I have missed out of this newsletter, don't hesitate to get in touch. I will endeavour to keep you up-to-date with any changes.

Reading

The children will continue to have access to our school library and our Accelerated Reader scheme. We have a quarantine system in place once the children return their books to the library. Please feel free to wipe down any plastic covers.

Maths

I was pleasantly surprised, given their absence from school, at how the children performed in the tests we have completed so far. Our BIG area to improve is our recall of times tables though. The expectation is that these can all be recalled and applied quickly to concepts such as simplifying fractions. We'll have a drive on fully learning them as soon as possible.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday, but due to restrictions, the homework book and grammar book (detailed below) will need to be in by Wednesday the following week; this will allow us to quarantine the books. Books returned after Wednesday will have to be sent out again on Monday, meaning there would be less time to complete the homework. The children have an A5 purple homework book.

Maths, weekly: Children will have the opportunity to consolidate and further their learning via the 'My Maths' and 'Times Table Rockstars' homework sites. As I have said, knowledge of times tables will become vital in

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areas such as percentages, calculating with fractions and problem solving.

English, weekly: In Year Five and Six, the school provides a grammar, spelling and punctuation resource book. Further spelling homework will be used to aid the children's learning, though this may not be set weekly as spelling themes may take longer to cover.

Please let me know if completing homework has been difficult in the past and we will find a way to work around this.

P.E.

P.E. lessons are on Monday and Tuesday afternoon during the first half term. From the week beginning 28.9, P.E. lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday. When the colder weather arrives, a cold weather kit would be of benefit- tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. In line with the county council's health and safety policy, earrings must be removed for P.E..

Our Topics

The Victorians

Our topic this half-term will be all about the Victorian era, focussing on children's experiences and revolutionary inventions and discoveries. Our usual visit to the Cone Valley Railway's Victorian Day isn't viable this year, but don't worry, I'll be replicating a Victorian school and a workhouse for your children to see how horrible these might have been!

BLAST OFF!

To infinity and beyond! Our space topic will be taking place during the second autumn term and first spring term.

Thank-you in advance for your support,
Miss. Eglinton