

Dear Parent/ carer,

April 2021

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Please continue to send your child in with the minimal amount of belongings as possible. If they wish to have anti-bac gel in school, they can do so and this can stay in their drawer in the classroom. Thank you for adhering to our social distancing measures at drop-off and pick-up times. If you have any concerns about your child, please direct these to the office in the first instance, who will forward these on to myself or continue to use the 'home learning' email address that was available during lockdown. Alternatively, we can arrange a Teams meeting or a phone call.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'Into the Wild'. This is a science based topic which will focus on plants and animals. We will be identifying common wild and garden plants and trees and looking at the conditions for growth. We will be categorising animals into different groups and finding out what they eat. We will find out about the life cycles of a range of animals.

PE and Forest School

PE during this term is timetabled for Wednesday and this term the children are lucky enough to have the Activators in to lead the session. Your child's kit needs to be in school every day just in case this session changes for any reason. Please ensure that they have navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and a sunhat/ sun cream for when the weather starts to warm up. PE kits will be sent home on a Friday so that the cloakrooms can be thoroughly cleaned. We are able to offer a Forest School session on a Tuesday afternoon up until half term. The children will need old trousers or leggings (suitable for getting dirty) a change of footwear – wellies or old trainers are perfect.



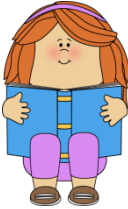
Homework and Spelling Shed

Please continue to hear your child reading as often as possible (see below). Children can also access activities set on Spelling Shed, Maths Shed and Times Table Rock Stars.

Project work, to be completed over the whole summer term, will be sent home within the next week. There will be a choice of six activities that link with our topic or consolidate other learning opportunities and children should complete three. They may complete more if you wish but this is at your own discretion.

Water bottles and snacks

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle. If their bottles need refilling, this will be done by an adult with clean hands/ wearing gloves. Children will keep their water bottles with them at their tables. Fruit snacks will be provided by school. Children should keep their fruit snacks in their book bags at the moment.



Reading

Reading is a fundamental part of your child's education and we would encourage you to hear your child read every day or as often as possible. Whilst hearing them read, it is also useful to discuss the book with your child in order to check their understanding of the story. Please write in their yellow reading record book when you hear them read and send these into school every day. We would like children to read a book twice before changing it to ensure that any unfamiliar words are consolidated before moving on. We will send 2-3 books home per week and will change these once a week in school.

Library Books

At the moment, the library is out of use for children. Adults from our bubble will visit the library weekly and select a variety of books, some which fit in with our topic and some which are of general interest. Children will be able to look at, read and share these books within our class bubble. These will then be changed by an adult.



We are so pleased to be back at school after another extended lock down and are looking forward to all the new learning opportunities and challenges ahead this term and being able to get out and about in the outdoor areas.

Mrs Ejiogu and Mrs Clayton