



Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a magical Christmas with your families. Thank you so much for all my Christmas wishes, cards and gifts. I was really touched by your kind words and generosity.

This term our topic is called Eco-Heroes. We are going to conduct investigations into Climate Change and carry out field work in Semley. We will be heading outdoors and undoubtedly getting muddy feet (sometimes in our school grounds and sometimes around the village) so please could the children bring wellies in for the following dates: Monday 9th January (this Monday- we have a few spare pairs of wellies in school so please don't rush out to buy any), Thursday 27th January, Wednesday 9th February and Thursday 17th February.

Reading

Thank you for all the support you are giving the children with their reading- it has been great to see so many of them working hard to get their Daily Nights of Reading certificates and see their fluency improve. Sadly, we are unable to have parent readers in at present, but I am hoping to hear all the children read at the start of term. In order to move up a reading band, the children need to be secure in their comprehension and able to read 90-95%+ of words fluently.

Spellings

I have been so pleased with how the children have approached their new spelling groups and have already seen the children using their tricky words more accurately in their writing. Thank you for your continued support with helping them practise. I will be giving out their first spellings of this term next Monday (10th January).

Times Table Rock Stars

It was brilliant to see the children making so much progress with their times tables last term. We will be continuing to practise them daily in class with a check on Friday. Ideally the children will be practising their tables at home at least 3 times a week. If your child has mislaid their Times Table Rock Star password, please let me know.

PE

Doves will continue to have PE with Luke every Monday and Friday afternoon. Please could the children come to school in their PE kit on those days. If they have a sporting club after school, they will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into after school. The Year 3s have also got the excitement of Swimming lessons on a Tuesday and will need to bring in their swimming kit to change into on those days.

Finally, I have enclosed a curriculum map for this term which outlines all the key learning objectives we will be covering. If you have any questions about it or anything else, please stop for a chat at the start or the end of the day.

With best wishes to you and your families for 2022,

Vicky Gambier