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ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

It is great to see both new and familiar faces in Windrush this year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to a busy autumn term. Please do read this letter carefully, even if you were part of Windrush last year, as it will inform you of some of the exciting topics coming up over the next few months, as well as some reminders and updates for our class.

The Team

Windrush Class are supported by Mrs Slark, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Mathias.

Literacy

This term, we will be taking inspiration from books such as *'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'* by David and Ronda Armitage and *'The Diary of a Killer Cat'* by Anne Fine, as well as some traditional fairy tales. The exciting vocabulary and vivid storytelling found in these texts will help to enrich the students' own writing whilst developing their analytical and comprehension skills. Lessons will concentrate on the teaching of writing with a sharp focus on the craft and construction of sentences.

Spelling

This term we will look at a variety of high frequency words, spelling rules and common exception words. For the Year 3 children we will also start to focus on words and patterns from the statutory list for Y3/4. It is important that the words set for homework are regularly practised and we greatly appreciate your support with this.

Reading

Our wish is for the children to develop a love for reading so that they are self-motivated to read every day. It is our role as adults to encourage them to want to read and to teach them the pleasures of reading. Reading can improve concentration, help mental wellbeing and introduce the children to new vocabulary that they can use in their own writing.

We ask that the children read aloud to an adult at least **three times a week** and encourage you to discuss the book, ask them questions about what is happening and see if they can make predictions about what might happen next.

Please send the children's current reading book and reading diary into school every day so that we can send home new books when necessary. Please see below for guidance on when books will be changed:



Phonics Bug – please read the whole book three times – the first for decoding, the second for greater fluency and the third for fluency and comprehension.

Oxford Reading Tree Stage 6 and onwards – please read whole book once.

Free choice reading books – please read whole book once.

Maths

Over the two autumn terms our units include **Place Value, Addition & Subtraction and Multiplication & Division**. The children will explore each unit with a mastery approach to develop their mathematical fluency and problem-solving skills.

Topic

Our history topic this term includes learning about the seas and oceans in Geography and how William the Conqueror became the King of England in History. If your child has a topic-related item they would like to share with the class, we would love to see it.

P.E.

P.E. takes place on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that P.E kits are kept in school at all times. P.E kits should comprise of a blue school t-shirt, navy shorts, a navy sweatshirt, navy tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers. Please also include some spare socks.

Homework

Homework in Windrush consists of maths and spelling activities. These activities are designed to reinforce the objectives your child has been working on in class. Homework is given out on a Friday and should be handed in the following Thursday. If your child experiences any issues with their homework, please encourage them to come and ask for help from either myself or another member of the Windrush staff team. Homework club is available on Thursday lunch times if the children need support or to borrow school resources.

Dojo Challenge

This year, we are running a 'Dojo Challenge' to encourage and motivate the children to complete and hand in their homework. For each piece of homework that is handed in on time, the children will receive one point. A maximum of 3 points can be achieved every week, one each for reading, spelling and maths. The points are accumulated on a 'Class Dojo' and the children will be able to see their points building each week. The reward for children achieving the target number of dojo points will be a treat afternoon just before the half term; we will discuss with the children what activities they may be interested in, and they can sign up to one of their choosing. After the half term break, the challenge will reset, and the children can start collecting points ready for the next treat afternoon.

We hope that you find this information helpful. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on: office.2103@enstone.oxon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Class Teacher

