



Thursday 4th January 2018

Alder Class – Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope that you all had a relaxing and fun-filled Christmas holiday and are ready for all that 2018 brings. The Spring Term is set to be one of hard, focused work for Alder Class as we prepare for the SAT's in May. We begin a new topic, *Pole to Pole*, learning about *Shackleton's Journey* as well as comparing and contrasting the Arctic and Antarctica. Please find the new Topic Web attached and encourage your child to find out more about the race to the poles as well as these two icy desert regions.

Homework

I was *wowed* throughout the Autumn Term by the homework handed in – there was a lot of effort put into homework and, as such, much was of an incredibly high standard and many house points were earned. Thank you for supporting your child with their homework. Alder Class have been given their new homework web today, beginning a new cycle of homework. **A reminder that one task from the homework web is to be completed every week, and handed in on a Tuesday** – the first homework task is to be handed in this coming Tuesday, the 9th January. Please do continue to help your child to manage their time and to carry out some good planning. Spellings and timetables also need to be completed and learnt, ready for weekly tests. Year Sixes are also expected to complete any revision tasks sent home as these will be to help to prepare them well for their upcoming SAT's.

Reading

Please do ensure that reading is a natural part of the day's routine at home. Also please check and sign your child's Reading Record. It would be invaluable to encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts – novels, newspaper articles, information books/online pages, poetry – as well as to read with your child and to talk about what you have read together.





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P.E. and LOtC Kit

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. We will aim to have one indoor and one outdoor lesson, weather permitting. Your child will need to have their full P.E. kit, including suitable outdoor gear for these cold months. **Please do ensure that your child has a change of socks and sturdy outdoor trainers at school daily.** LOtC lessons will be woven into various lessons and, as such, all LOtC kit needs to be at school every day, left on their coat peg for the half-term.

I look forward to a half-term of focused work and good progress in Alder Class. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dafforn

Alder Class Teacher

