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Alder Class – Spring 2nd Half 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after half-term. We now begin our *focused* revision work as we lead up to the KS2 SAT's – these take place during the week beginning 14th May. This is a very important and hard-working time for all Year Sixes and, as such, please support and prepare your child in the following ways:

- Good bedtime routine: sleep and a rested mind is so important
- Eating well: they will need to keep their energy levels up – please ensure that they have a good breakfast and also provide a snack for their morning break time
- Daily homework: practicing times tables, revising spellings and reading for at least 20 minutes every day will keep their minds sharp and focused as well as help to ensure they are well prepared for their SAT's
- Limit electronic device time
- Support and motivation to do their very best each and every day!

A reminder that the Year Six SAT's Information Meeting is on Monday 26th February at 5:30pm. This is an opportunity to pass the latest information onto you and your child, as well as to give you some tips about the SAT's. I look forward to seeing all of you at this meeting.

Our Topic this half-term is *Lights, Camera, Action!* We will be studying William Shakespeare's Macbeth in English, learning about Light and Shadows in Science and in Topic and Music we will be learning about West End Musicals and Theatre. Please find the new Topic Web attached.

Homework

Alder Class have been given their new homework web today. They will continue to complete one task from the homework web each week, handing it in on a Tuesday - the first homework task is due on Tuesday 27th February. Spellings and timetables need to also be completed and learnt each week, ready for weekly tests and to help to fully prepare your child for their SAT's. Year Sixes are to also do some daily SAT's revision, using the daily revision sheets – these will be marked in class the following day.



Reading

Please do ensure that your child is reading daily and recording their reading in their Reading Record. Please also check and sign their Reading Record. The Year Sixes now know what the reading texts are like when they work through a Year Six Reading Assessment, and many have said to me that they realise that they are not reading enough or for long enough. Please do support your child by reading with them a few times a week, to help to develop their reading fluency, stamina and understanding.

Date for your diary: World Book Day on Thursday 1st March – dress up as a character from a Traditional Fairy Tale:

Fairy Tale: It will be lovely to see all of Alder Class dressed up and ready to have a fun day of learning based on traditional fairy tales by Hans Christian Anderson or The Grimm Brothers.

P.E. and LOtC Kit

P.E. lessons continue to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday this term, as well as swimming every alternate Thursday for the swimming group. We will be outdoors for the majority of PE lessons, a number of Science lessons and for our LOtC lessons (when we will be master composters). As such, **your child will need to have warm and suitable P.E. and LOTC kit, including a warm tracksuit, waterproofs, spare socks and both their trainers and Wellie boots.** These items need to stay at school throughout the week – with the focused SAT's revision taking place, I will be trying to get the class outdoors most afternoons of the week, even if this is just for a few laps around the field.

I look forward to another 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