



Monday 24th February 2020

Alder Class – Spring 2nd Half

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after a rather blustery half-term break! It is hard to believe that we are now over halfway through the school year. In Year Six we will continue to be working hard as we lead up to the KS2 SATs – these take place during the week beginning 11th May. This is a very important 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: practising times tables, revising spellings and a focused 10-minutes of SATs Revision using their SATs Buster Revision Books to help to keep their minds sharp and focused
- Reading for at least 20 minutes every day – limit electronic device time and have a dedicated reading time as a part of the bedtime routine
- Support and motivation to do their very best each and every day!

Our Topic this half-term is *Dance through the Decades: Music, Dance and Fashion 1950s – 1980s*. We will be reading *The London Eye Mystery* in English and will also be continuing to have a strong focus on Geography in Topic – finishing our geographical study of Antarctica before exploring the geography of Britain. Please find the new Topic Web attached.

Homework

Alder Class have been given their new homework web today. As requested, it is an adapted homework web with more emphasis on daily revision. There are two tasks that all pupils will be expected to complete during the half-term: a book review to be written once they have read an age-appropriate novel written by a British author and a mindfulness task. I will be checking Homework Diaries (Planner) and SATs Buster books on a regular basis – please ensure that your child is keeping up with their revision and reading, and sign their Diary accordingly.



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 are now familiar with the type of texts they are given in a Year Six Reading Assessment and they are quite challenging! As a result, many have realised that they need to be reading **more** – more challenging books and reading for a sustained period of time. Please do support your child by reading with them a few times a week, to help to develop their reading fluency, stamina and understanding.

Dates for your diary:

- **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March – dress up as a character from *Plants v Zombies*.** It will be lovely to see all of Alder Class dressed up and ready to have a fun day of Sci-Fi inspired learning based on these fun graphic novels.
- **Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th March** – I would like to meet with all parents; please contact me if you would like to schedule an alternative time to discuss your child's progress.

P.E. and LOtC Kit

Both P.E. and LOtC kit needs to be at school all week. 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.

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 pop in to see me after school or to send me an e-mail.

Kind regards,

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