



Frogs Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. I hope that you have all enjoyed a well-deserved break and ready to embark on a new school year. I am looking forward to seeing all the children again and embarking on our learning journey together in Frogs class.

This term our Topic will be **Stone Age to the Iron Age!** This topic provides lots of opportunities to enjoy fun enrichment activities throughout the term. One of which is a Stone Age experience day, where a teaching company will come in and the children can dress up and embrace life in the Stone Age (start planning those wow outfits now!) I am also looking into a visit to Saffron Walden museum to look at their prehistoric and fossil collection. This will tie in with our Science topic of rocks, soils and fossils.

Swimming will be on a Tuesday morning (please ensure all kit is named and labelled) and PE will be on a Friday afternoon. Children will only need to come to school in PE kit on a Friday. Every Wednesday the class will continue to be taught by Mr Hawley, who covers my non class contact time.

Homework:

The homework grid includes a variety of tasks based on our topic and the children are able to choose which ones they would like to complete (the amount they choose to do is up to you). The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks in and can share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the week commencing 18th October (please do not bring it in before then).

It is important that children are reading every evening at home (for about 15 minutes) and should be logged in their reading record. This does not need to be reading to you every night and if your child is a confident reader you may sign to say they have read by themselves. The reading records will be checked every Friday and we would expect to see a minimum of 4 adult signatures across the week. There is an incentive of an extra 10 minutes play time for this. Please include any relevant comments if necessary, that we will read. **Please ensure their reading record and book is in school every day.** Spellings will still be completed throughout the week, although you may notice that word lists do not always come home this year to learn as we are looking at a new way of teaching these in school. It is really important that children are reinforcing their times tables fluency at home; especially the year 4's who have the multiplication check at the end of the year. There will be more information regarding this sent home throughout the year.

Children may also continue to bring in their own pencil case, however please ensure these are a suitable size for the classroom and they only need a pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler and colouring pencils. These can easily escalate and become a distraction.

If you have any questions or concerns, I will be in the playground everyday after school to help. Alternatively, please contact the office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Bailey

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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Stone Age to Iron Age</i>
English	Fantasy narrative Poetry Explanation writing Traditional stories <u>Texts:</u> Stig of the Dump The Abdominables
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division
Science	Rocks, soils and fossils Sound
Geography	Stone Age Essex
RE	Christianity: Churches and introducing Jesus
Computing	Computing Systems and Networks
Art	Barbara Hempworth: Clay Sculptures/ Chalk Cave Paintings
PSHE	Rules, Rights and Responsibilities Feelings and emotions Growth mindset
PE	Swimming and Hockey
French	Greetings and numbers
Music	Let your spirit fly