Frogs Newsletter - Autumn Term 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term, which is understandably feeling a little bit different this year. I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer break and that the children are all feeling refreshed and ready to go. I am sure that some children (and parents) are experiencing a variety of emotions, ranging from nerves to excitement about returning to school. Please be assured that the safety and wellbeing of the children is our primary concern and we are looking forward to being back in the classroom and progressing with their learning journey.

This term our topic will be **Ancient Greece!** We will be learning about Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. We will also be engaging in many of the Greek myths. Attached to this email you will find all of the Knowledge Organisers for the topics that will be taught over this half term. Please take time to go through them to view all of the information that will be covered in class, which will enable you to support learning from home.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday and therefore children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. At present there will be no swimming lessons. Every Wednesday the class will continue to be taught by Mr Hawley, who is covering 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. This can be achieved by either choosing one task every couple of weeks, or spending longer completing a task over a series of weeks. The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks in which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the last Thursday and Friday afternoon before each half term (Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October).

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. Please ensure that the name of the book and the page number is included so reading can continue in class. Please include any relevant comments if necessary that we will read. **Please ensure their reading record and book is in school every day.** If possible we would like children to refrain from bringing a bag into school. We are not using the cloakrooms and therefore all bags need to be stored under the desk which is taking up lots of space. The only things that need to be brought into school is a water bottle, reading record folder (and a packed lunch).

This term communication may be more difficult due to the current restrictions so please do not hesitate to contact me through the office email if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Kindest Regards, Mrs Bailey

<u>Autumn Term 1</u>

Topic	Ancient Greece
English	The Iron Man
	Contemporary fiction
	Limericks poems
Maths	Place Value
Science	States of matter
RE	Buddhism: The Buddha/Living as a Buddhist
Computing	Computing Systems and Networks
Art	Norman Foster
PSHE	Me and my relationships
PE	Ball skills and team games
French	Celebrations!

^{*}DT and music will be taught in Autumn Term 2