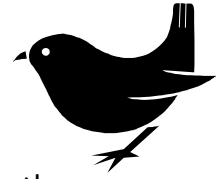




Welcome back to our final term with Wren class-it's a long one though!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed all 3 days of sunshine! The children have all returned to school with their usual happy faces and appear eager to learn- what a great start!

Here are some important notices **for Wren's** this term:



International Primary Curriculum (IPC):

Our focus, this half term, will be "Chocolate. We have already made a start by eating some! After the success of our 'Olympic Games' topic last term with the student teacher I am continuing to link all topic work with as many areas of the curriculum as possible. This will include geography (where and what does chocolate come from?), history in particular 16th century exploration, art- advertisements for chocolate products, ICT research often linked with homework, science- looking at cacao trees, its flowers and seeds and the effects of energy from chocolate and DT- designing their own chocolate product!



Literacy:

Most of our literacy this term will be cross-curricular i.e. writing linked with our chocolate project.

Spelling is continuing with the same format as last term. Children who have been identified as needing extra help with spelling are being given the opportunity to work on the 'Letters and Sounds' stage 5 programme. This will take place 3 times per week from 9.10-9.30am (it is essential children arrive at school on time as it is such a short yet tightly packed session). These children will be a mixed group from Wren and Heron class. The rest of the children in both classes will be with Mr Jones working on spellings of a different nature e.g. prefixes, plurals etc. For most children an improvement in spelling has been noticed- they just need more practice applying it!!

Reading:

Reading books will be sent home as usual i.e. when your child has finished a book they return it to me and will then choose another one. I have organised the books in my classroom so children will be directed to certain shelves which contain books of a similar reading range.

Raffle ticket system change: this system has proved to be successful in the vast majority of cases. Thank you to parents who are regularly filling in the new reading record books. However a small number of parents hinted that their child wishes to read books from home as well. We did say we would review this scheme after Easter and from now on children



may read a book from home or the local library if they wish. It needs to be a book chosen with an adult and their reading record can be filled in the same way and returned to school when finished for a raffle ticket. It would be **useful for me to see the book** to give me an idea of what they are reading- maybe I could add them to our class library if I find some spare money! Children who wish to continue to choose school books please continue as normal.

Maths:

Children will continue to be taught in groups, according to ability, and will cover the 4 rules of number, problem solving and problems linked with money. Our class shop will stay open this term and we will be looking at 'change'!



Times tables will start as from Thursday 15th April. There is a selection of prizes now on offer if they get full marks on any three occasions.

Warning: toy water pistols are on offer!!

P.E/Games:

Children need their outdoor P.E kit in school every **Friday** and **Wednesday** for this half term. Tennis coaching will form part of their physical education every Wednesday.



Science:

Miss Boulton will teach year 3 science every Wednesday and Mr Jones will take over the teaching of year 4 science. Mrs Hughes is teaching science to year 6 this term.

ALL WATER BOTTLES MUST BE NAMED AND REGULARLY WASHED AT HOME- THANK YOU.
ALL LUNCH BOXES MUST GO HOME EVERY EVENING. THE TROLLEYS ARE DISINFECTED EVERY NIGHT AND ANY LUNCHBOXES REMAINING WILL BE REMOVED. THIS IS A HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTER.

Let's hope for another great term in Wren class. They have worked hard all year and continue to be a delight to teach.

Many thanks,

Mrs. A. Hughes.

p.s. beginner recorder club starts Wednesday 21st April- if a child forgets their recorder 2 weeks running them they may be asked to leave the club as they will get too far behind the others.