

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a great half term holiday and are rip raring to go with the second half of the term. I am relaxed, the lake district recharged my batteries and long dog walks have helped with my chocolate consumption!

PE

Our PE days have changed to **Tuesday** and Thursday.

Indoor PE on Tuesday and Outdoor with NUFC on Thursday.

Outdoor Sessions

Welly Wednesday! We will endeavour to get outside every Wednesday so please remember your wellies on a Wednesday and a waterproof coat!

Homework

The children have a half termly Homework Challenge sheet. They can choose different challenges to do each week. There will be a variety of challenges from going for a walk to creating artwork. It would be wonderful to see the end product either in actual form or as a picture. These will be displayed on our Homework board.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. The children will have more than 5 words to learn but will only have 5 spellings tested. This number tested on will increase as we progress through the year. The spellings will be linked to our phonics sessions each week.

Reading

Thank you all for engaging in our new phonics scheme at home. If you have been able to access the books online- thank you. If there are any issues, please ask and I'll be happy to answer any queries.

The children will continue to bring home a library book from our class library to enjoy. Library books will be changed on a Friday.

Autumn term Literacy

Throughout the term we link high quality literature to the different areas of the curriculum we are learning.

We will be writing stories, listening to and learning different poems and writing instructions.

Autumn term Maths

Across this term we will be focusing on Place Value and Addition & Subtraction. We will be ensuring that children are firm in their basic understanding of numbers which will enable to grasps more challenging concepts as we work through the year.

Autumn Term Topics

 $\underline{\text{Term 1B}}\text{-}$ Toys throughout the ages- with a History focus.

I would like to invite parents, carers and grandparents into school on a Wednesday for the last half hour of the day to talk about toys you played with as a child. We would also love to see them if you still have them. Please see me at the beginning or end of the day to sign up for a slot.

Spring Term Topics

Term 2A- Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones

Extra Curricular Activities

Term 1b

Friday 2nd December PTFA Christmas Fair Monday 12th December KS1 Christmas

Performance- 1:45pm

Wednesday 14th December KS1 Christmas Performance- 9:30am

Friday 16th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 20th December Christmas Party Day **Thursday 22nd December** Christmas Service St Oswin's Church 1:30pm to 2:45pm

Kind regards,

Miss Jill Dodds

Deputy Headteacher