

9 January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 3. The children have all settled back well after the holidays and we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest class member Boning. It is also lovely to welcome back Manuel who has returned to us from Chile.

Now that the children are nearly half way through Year 2 we would request that parents do not stay in the classroom in the morning. This will help with their independence and prepare them for the routines established in Key Stage 2 where classes line up in the playground and enter classrooms with their teacher.

Our Topic this term is science based focusing on everyday materials. The children will compare the uses and suitability of everyday materials, learn more about recycling and find out about the life and work of people whose inventions/discoveries impact on our lives today.

Maths learning will include multiplication and division, statistics and the properties of shapes. Please help your child at home by regularly practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

You should now all have a copy of the spellings for this term. Please can you ensure that all home learning books are returned by Wednesday of each week. Children will be tested on their spellings every Wednesday.

In Art we shall be continuing the theme of materials and trying our hand at some different types of weaving using a variety of manmade and natural materials.

For Religious Education this term we shall be thinking about why some stories are special to people of different faiths. As part of this RE topic we would like the children to bring in a book that is particularly special to them, from home. This maybe a book that was given to them on a special occasion or that is from their culture or religion. We will be sharing these on Monday 15 January 2018.

Early next term we will be making our annual visit to a place of worship (details to follow). During our RE lessons later this term, we will prepare for our visit.

PE this term will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your children have PE kit including suitable footwear which should be kept in school for the whole term.

We are lucky to have been invited this term for a special viewing at The Showcase Du Lux cinema, of the new Aardman film, 'Early Man'. The film is not due out in cinemas until later in the month.

The viewing will take place from 10:00am to 12:15pm on Monday 15 January 2018. Children will have their lunch at school as usual and permission is not required for this trip. English and Science learning will be linked to the film throughout the week following the trip.

Yours sincerely  
James and Jess