

The Wild Things

Autumn 2

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second half term. I hope everyone is well rested after the holiday. The children seem keen and excited to continue with their learning and there is, in particular, a lot of enthusiasm for our new history theme! It's another long term and there are lots of germs flying around but we have made a brilliant start, this week, writing some beautiful Remembrance day poetry. We have lots of exciting things to learn before we start to focus on Christmas and the team are really looking forward to making the most of the remaining six weeks!

Notes for your diary:

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday (please come in PE kit).

Outdoor Ed will be on a Monday (please send wellies and waterproofs).

Reading records are required daily.

Class Read

This term, we are reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf. A few of the children have read this book before. It is about a refugee child who comes to a British school and covers themes of war and bullying.

English

In English, we have started by writing poems about Remembrance alongside some grammar work on pronouns. Next week we will be moving onto narrative unit of work using the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. Our grammar focus will be fronted adverbials.

Maths

We have already spent a week looking at the area of rectilinear shapes. Drawing and comparing them using squares and a ruler! Next week, we move onto multiplication with some revision and some new times tables. **Please ensure your child is practising times tables at home!**

Science

In science, we continue learning about the human body with a focus on teeth and digestion. This links nicely to our DT unit on food and where it comes from.

Theme

This half-term's theme is 'Why did the Romans settle in Britain?'. This follows seamlessly on from where we finished last term in the Iron Age. We will be learning about why and how the Romans conquered Britain and what evidence we can see left behind today.

Reading

Please continue reading **at least 3 times a week**. Please make sure at least one of those reads is on Bug Club. We really encourage children to choose chapter books that they enjoy as well. If you bring these into school they can enjoy them during ERIC time.

Spelling

We are having a big focus on spelling all the KS1 and lower KS2 words, this half term. This is alongside our normal spelling programme. I am sending spellings home to practise in any way which is appropriate for your child to try and improve the quality of our writing.