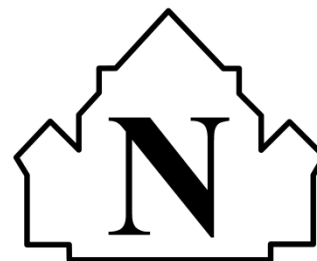


Tuesday 7th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope you had a lovely festive break. We are all looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of exciting things planned.



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Topic:

For the first part of the Spring term, we will be learning about dinosaurs as part of this term's topic called 'Dinosaurs! Deadly and Dangerous?' Our first shared story of the term will be 'The little green dinosaur.' This story is based around a baby dinosaur who is searching for his Mum.

Topic help

If you have any knowledge or experience regarding our topic, please contact Mrs Hayes. We appreciate any artefacts or books which could support our learning in this topic.

We would also appreciate it if you could upload any 'Wow' moments to Tapestry as we would love to find out about what your child has been doing at home. This could be learning to ride a bike, trying a new food, learning to write their name etc.

PE

Our class will have PE on **Monday and Wednesday** afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their appropriate PE kit in school at all times:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with pen).

If your child takes part in a sports club afterschool, please ensure their kit is returned to school the next day, or bring a spare kit for the club.

Daily Physical Activity

In addition to PE lessons, we are now getting pupils involved in structured daily exercise in order to boost health, self-esteem and academic performance. For a short period of approximately 10-15 minutes each afternoon, the children will be running or taking part in fitness workouts. To help make this possible, we are asking that children have their P.E kit in school every day. These can be kept at school and then taken home for washing when necessary. Depending on the weather, our daily physical activity may take place inside or (hopefully!) outdoors.

We have specialist teachers that will take the children for certain sessions:

- Mr Bacon (PE TA) – PE (Monday and Wednesday)

Reading:

It is expected that Reception children engage in reading activities at home **at least 5 times per week**. They will also read to an adult in school at least once a week, which could be through individual or group reading activities. This could be with any of the adults who work or volunteer in Eden class.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

1. Reading: at least five times a week (reading records will be checked on a Monday morning)
2. Action Words- We will be sending home words for the children to learn at home. High frequency words, sight words and key words are the words that appear frequently in books for children and are usually learned using a whole word approach to reading. Each word that we send home will have a picture and action that goes with it. We hope that you will enjoy learning these words at home with your child.

Homework will be given out on a Friday.

Rewards

This term the children will be awarded marbles in a jar for following the Golden Rules. When the jar is full the children will be able to vote on a whole class activity of their choice.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend **no more than 2 hours a day** in front of a screen (TV/ PC/ Laptop/ Tablet/ Smart phone/etc).

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Eden class. Please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. The morning is a very busy time for us. If you have any urgent matters that need addressing, please speak to the office who will contact us to make an appointment.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hayes, Miss Dash and Miss Rosevear

