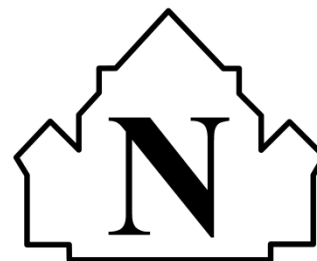


Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

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



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Topic:

For the whole of the summer term, we will be learning about our country and what grows here. We will be comparing it with a hotter climate and rainforests. In particular we will be exploring Brazil and the Amazon rainforest. As a start to our new topic, we will be visiting the Eden Project taking an exciting journey through the world of plants unlocking the secrets of what makes our green friends thrive and survive. You will receive another letter with details of the trip. Please refer to the topic overview sheet for more details about what we will be covering in each subject.

PE

Our class will have PE, on **Thursday and Friday** afternoons. Please note that we will now have PE on a Thursday instead of a Wednesday afternoon. On Friday afternoons, we are lucky enough to have Chance to Shine cricket coaching from an external provider. 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 biro).

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.

Reading:

It is expected that year 2 children read at home **at least 3 times per week**. They will also read their individual reading book to an adult in school once a week. This could be with any of the adults who work or volunteer in Prosper class. As well as this, your child will have group reading activities during guided reading or Read Write Inc. daily.

When your child is a confident reader at Green book band level, they will move onto the Accelerated Reader scheme. We would like to remind you that Accelerated Reader focuses on a child's comprehension of a text. In order to understand what they read, a child must read fluently. Therefore, you may find that the texts are easier to decode than the reading books that they had before. As part of the AR program, your child will complete a quiz once they have finished reading a book. Your child must have read their book over at least two days before they are allowed to change it. This may mean reading it twice or splitting the

text over the two days. Once you have finished reading a book at home, it would help if you asked them questions about what they have read.

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 three times a week (reading records will be checked on a Monday morning)
2. Times tables facts
3. Spellings

Homework folders will be given out on a Friday. They must be returned by the following **Thursday morning** at the latest. This will allow staff enough time to mark the homework before it is returned. Please note, only homework that is handed in on time will be marked. Children will be tested on their spellings and times tables on a Friday. Results will be put back in their homework folders so that you know how they got on.

#### Golden Time:

This term we will continue to reward children who have followed the school rules with 'Golden Time' at the end of the week. They will be able to choose from a variety of activities for 30 minutes on a Friday. A child will not get their Golden Time if they have shown any 'red' behaviour during that week or if their name has been put onto the 'amber chart' twice. Please do not allow your child to bring in anything from home for this Golden Time.

#### Topic help

If you have any knowledge or experience regarding our topic of Rainforests, please get in contact with Miss Morton or Miss Bevis. We appreciate any visits from parents/family members who could support our learning in this topic.

#### SATS

Year 2 children will take their SATs this half-term. Further information accompanies this letter. The children will be aware that they are taking 'quizzes' and we want to ensure that the process is stress-free. The results from these tests will be used to inform our teacher assessments of the pupils and they will not be assessed on the results of the tests alone.

#### Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Prosper 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, you can leave a message with the member of staff on the door. If you need to discuss something with us in person, please speak to the office who will contact us.

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

Miss Morton, Miss Bevis (class teachers) and Miss Grubb and Mrs Cookson (HLTAs)

