

Dear families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am very excited to start the new term and return to normality with a busy new year ahead!

During this first half of spring term, we will be focusing on Materials. The children will explore, name, discuss and raise and answer questions about everyday materials so that they become familiar with the names of materials and their properties. Our core focus book in English will be 'The Three Little Pigs', linking this directly to our learning on materials. In maths, we will be starting our unit on 'Place Value to 20'. Next week, I will be sending out our curriculum leaflet so that you are aware of what we will be learning throughout this term.

Important reminders:

- Please keep up-to-date with weekly emails and the website for information.
- Please ensure that all children arrive at school with a coat, sensible footwear and a water bottle.
- Please also remember to bring in red book bags. School has invested a lot of money sourcing Read, Write, Inc. books to match the learning happening in school so we appreciate your co-operation with this.
- Please see below homework expectations for this term. Thank you for your support with homework already, it is lovely to see the children take so much pride in their home learning.

Maths (Approximately 10mins)	This will be in the form of a booklet which aligns with the work we are doing in class. If you need another copy, please let me know and I am happy to print one for you.
Comprehension (Approximately 15mins)	Each week, your child will also be given a comprehension sheet with some questions to answer. Please support your child to read though this and unpick the information together. This activity is not about how much your child can read but whether they understand what they are reading/what is read to them. One sheet will be given to each child every Monday and will need to be returned on the following Monday.
Spellings (Approximately 15mins)	Please practise spellings each week for the test on Friday's . All spellings for this term have been posted on the website under the 'What we are learning tab'. I will also give each child a hard copy of this to take home. If you are unsure of which group your child is in then please contact me and let me know. In order to improve the children's writing skills, please pick one or two spellings and include them within a sentence . Just one sentence is perfectly fine but please support your child with capital letters, finger spaces and using a full stop. It is important that your child can read back to you what they have wrote.
Reading (Approximately 10mins)	Please continue to read with your child at home and log this on Boom reader. Your child will have a RWI (Read, Write, Inc.) book in their red book bag that is decodable for them. Your child should also have a library book in their bag for you to read and enjoy together.

Many thanks,

Miss Ponsford