



Adventurers CLASS - Parents information sheet

Spring term 2021

Dear parents and carers,

A very happy new year to you all! We hope that you have had a restful Christmas and your child returns to us refreshed and ready for another term of exciting learning.

Daily routine

The morning routine is the same as last term. The children will leave their coats, PE kit and book bag hung on their peg which is found outside the KS1 toilets. Their reading folder and water bottle will need to be brought into the classroom daily. Please make sure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school every day.

Topics: Our topics run on a two-year rolling program. Our topic for this term is 'Where the wild things are' which will mainly include geography, science and art.

Where the wild things are

During this topic the children will find out about different animals of the world, they will be investigating animals found in the African Savanah, Australian outback and farm animals in the UK. The children will investigate the life cycles of different animals and the body structure of animals alongside their diets. Excitingly, the children will make 3D African animals, use powder paints to create the Savannah skyline and sketch wild things using different media such as charcoal and chalks. We will be inspired by the Carnival of animals by Saint-Saëns and make puppet animals. As we find out about the different animals of the world, we will also provide the children with the opportunity to make comparisons between life in a village in Kenya and life in ST Helens. I have included an overview which has further information on this topic. Please be aware that the topic planning can change slightly during the term depending on time limitations and children's interest.

Reading

Please hear your child read every night. Your support makes so much difference to his/her progress. Alongside phonics and literacy, the children also have reading sessions three times a

week. During their lessons the children will focus on the reading of words and understanding of the text. Mrs. Yardley will change the children's reading books on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Spellings

The children will bring home new spellings to learn every Friday. The spellings are linked to phonics learning and the current text we are using in class. This puts the word into context as they children will use the words in their literacy writing. Please help your child learn their spellings. We will have a spelling test every Thursday before giving the children their new spellings on Friday morning.

P.E.

Please can children bring their kit into school on Monday so that it is at school ready for their sports lessons. Please make sure ALL kit and bag are named clearly. Games is scheduled for Tuesdays and PE is scheduled for Wednesday. As the weather is quite cold at this time of year please ensure your child has warm joggers, spare socks and a jumper in their kit as we maybe outside for some sessions. We will send home their kit on Fridays.

Show and Tell

I am aware that children are eager to share items from home with their friends so we will have a half termly show and tell. Our first show and tell will be on 21st January 2021. In the meantime, please discourage children from bringing in toys from home as these items get lost very easily at school.

HOMEWORK

- Topic homework due w/c Monday 8th March 2021
- Weekly spellings given in spelling book due back on Thursday.
- Reading everyday (please note when you have listened to your child read in their yellow books)

We are really looking forward to the term ahead and settling back into a happy routine quickly. Please do not hesitate to see me if you have any concerns or need any further information. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Rees and Mrs. Yardley

Class teacher and HLTA