



## **Adventurers CLASS - Parents information sheet**

### **Summer term**

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back for the summer term! We have many exciting learning opportunities, celebrations and trips planned for the forthcoming term.

### **Daily routine**

The daytime routine will stay the same. The children will leave their coats, PE kit and book bag hung on their peg. Their reading folder and water bottle will need to be brought into the classroom daily. The water bottle is placed by the sink and their reading folder needs to be placed in the wicker basket at the front of the class. There will be an activity for the children on the tables to help them settle into class. Please make sure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school every day. Class Dojo is an app that we will be using as a whole class, regular reward system. We will also occasionally use it to share project updates. Families can access their child's progress and rewards and customise their 'monsters' via the app.

### **Topics**

Our topics run on a two-year rolling program. Our topic for this term is 'Dangerous dinosaurs' which will mainly include history, science and art.

### **Dangerous Dinosaurs**

During this topic the children will find out about different dinosaurs and their features. We will be investigating the famous palaeontologist Mary Anning, looking at how people find out about the past and making timelines. There will be lots of artistic opportunities throughout the term such as junk model dinosaurs, oil pastels dinosaur pictures, salt dough fossils and making deadly dinosaur trading cards!

In science the children will be finding out about plants; naming the parts of a plant and discussing what they need to grow. The children will be able to take part in a gardening club and some of the science lessons will be outside making observations, planting flowers alongside sketching plants in the warmer months. We will recreate Vincent Van Gogh's sunflowers in celebration of the summer.

We will be continuing our map work, focusing on the Isle of Wight and making keys for the landscape. Within geography children will build upon their knowledge of plants and growing. Across their lessons they will learn what plants need to grow, why our natural spaces are important and visit a local garden. Excitingly, we are hoping to give the children the opportunity to attend beach school for a three week block and look for their own fossils!

We 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 English, the children also have reading sessions throughout the 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 Fridays.

### **Spellings**

The children will bring home new spellings to learn every Friday on a look cover write spelling chart. The spellings are linked to phonics learning and the current text we are using in class. This puts the word into context as the children will use the words in their literacy writing. Please help your child learn their spellings. We will have a spelling test every Friday. If the spelling sheet is not completed at home and brought in on Friday morning, the children will have the opportunity to independently achieve this work during their golden time.

### **P.E.**

Please can children wear their kit into school on Wednesday and Friday. Please also make sure ALL kit and coats are named clearly. PE is scheduled for Wednesday and Games is scheduled for Friday.

### **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 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. In the meantime, please discourage children from bringing in toys from home as these items get lost very easily at school.

### **HOMEWORK and DATES**

- Weekly spellings will be given on a look cover write sheet. Friday- Thursday practice and an in school spelling test to be done on a Friday.
- Reading everyday (please note when you have listened to your child read in their yellow books)
- Show and tell on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Beach school - letter will be sent home in the summer term and dates TBC.

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, Miss Gorman and Mrs. Yardley*

Class teachers and HLTA