



January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great Christmas break. Please find below some information you may find useful this term.

- The children's reading skills are developing in a variety of ways. We will continue to build in opportunities for the children to read every day throughout the curriculum. Each week your child will be sent home with two books to read with you – they will usually have read a few pages of one book in school. Please keep them at home for a week and enjoy reading and discussing them several times. Your child will also read once a week as part of a small guided reading session. As individual reading days and guided reading sessions are usually on different days, please ensure the yellow reading record books are in the children's book bags every day.
- Each week we will visit the library and change or renew their books (both classes will now be on a Wednesday)
- Every child will receive a Maths home learning task, this will be set on a Tuesday – it may be a worksheet or a game to play on the Active Learn website. Please return any written work to school by the following Tuesday. Sometimes your child may be asked to support our topic in some way by bringing in books or artefacts to share.
- After half-term we will be visiting a local school as part of our History/Geography topic of Wickham Common (Past and Present). We will send out further details nearer the time.
- We are still encouraging the children to be more independent, please remind them to hand in any home learning tasks, reading books or letters. Our learning support assistants are not available at the start of every day to check book bags.
- Please can we remind you that all items of school uniform need to be clearly marked with your child's name.
- Please provide an extra pair of socks in your child's P.E bag. In addition, as the weather continues to be cold, your child will need a green tracksuit in their kit as we aim to go outside for games as often as possible.
- After half-term your child will receive 6 weeks of hockey coaching delivered by The Lovegrove Academy on a Thursday afternoon. A gum shield and trainers are required for this activity. Gum shields can be purchased at school from Mr Lovegrove or you can buy your own.
- The children worked very hard on Phonics last term and will continue to do so this term! In the next few weeks we will be sending home practice packs for you to work on with your children in order to prepare them for the Phonics Screening in the Summer term. In the meantime, you can visit <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/> for support on working with your child at home.

We have attached the Spring term curriculum map so you can see what we will be covering this term.

Thank you for your support and as always please ask if we can help with anything.

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