

Hi, and a Happy New Year!

We really enjoyed teaching the children during the Autumn Term and are raring to go for the Spring Term!

We start this new term with a whole school mini-topic about Rainforests. The children will cover multi-curricular objectives and learn about the rainforest through a range of subjects.

In our Literacy lessons this term we will be writing to engage the reader and writing to inform the reader. With stories about imaginary worlds and performance poems, giving the children lots of opportunity to be creative writers. We will be writing recounts and reports to apply our knowledge of non-fiction writing. Grammar and spelling strategies will be covered during the term in our separate lessons.

Remember to read with your child as much as you can at home. The more your child reads the more they will get a love for reading and they can of course get extra Dragon Wings for evidence in their reading diaries. You don't have to only hear your child reading their school book; books at home, magazines, comics, online books, websites can all count as reading at home.

In Numeracy we will be concentrating on multiplication and division, measurement (including time) and fractions. The children will complete times-tables tests throughout this term and I encourage you to practise their times-tables with them at home particularly their 3's, 4's, 6's and 7's. Anytime spent learning maths at home can only benefit your child and there are various websites that can make maths fun. Also, homework and extra games/activities are available on [mymaths.co.uk](http://mymaths.co.uk).



In History, we will be finding out '**Who were the Anglo-Saxons?**' The children will be taught about the Roman withdrawal from Britain in AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire. How the Scots invaded north Britain (now Scotland), settlements by Anglo-Saxons, their kingdoms, place names and village life.

Now getting back to 2017; our Science themes for this term are 'Health and Movement' and 'Understanding Rocks'. In ICT the children will have the opportunity to continue their work on

coding and begin to learn how to stay safe using email. The programme we use for emailing only allows children to email each other in school and emails will be monitored/checked before the children can read them. The children will follow a scheme of work covering specific objectives.

In Design & Technology; the challenge will be to design, make and evaluate a desk tidy using recycled materials. Music, PE, RE and PSHE will be taught weekly covering the required year 3 skills.

Swimming will start this term on Thursdays for 5 weeks. You have already had the letter with all the details. Please remember that girls need a one-piece costume (no bikini style) and boys to wear trunks or shorts that are above the knee. Swimming kits need to be in separate bags to PE kits. Goggles should not be worn unless there is a medical reason and **earrings need to be taken out - preferably at home before coming into school.**



Children's PE kits should be in school all week not just on the day's they are timetabled to do it. Please supply the standard school PE kit, along with outdoor shoes and a warm tracksuit for if it's chilly outside. Please also **label ALL of your child's PE kit** then any items left or found can be given back to the child.

Homework will be a mixture of literacy/grammar tasks, topic based activities and mymaths. There will be a separate letter with specific details about homework.

Reading books and reading diaries should be taken home and **completed every day** by an adult. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday to see who is reading at home. Parents only need to give a brief acknowledgement of the book title, the number of pages read and how the child read. Reading diaries are an important link between school and home to encourage reading and further development.

Finally, your child needs to bring in a water bottle everyday please; as it is very important that children drink water regularly during the day. Your child will need to take their bottle home everyday to get it refilled for the next day. Children are not allowed to go to water fountains during lessons.

If you wish to discuss anything with us concerning your child, please don't hesitate to come and see us after school or arrange a convenient appointment.

Thanks  
Mr Wright & Mrs Wiggins