Davington Primary School



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Dear Parents

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'Thank-you' for all the cards and gifts you sent us.

Reading

Thank you to everyone who managed to make the time to join in with our Come and Read sessions. The children were so pleased to invite you into their classrooms. We have noticed an increase in enthusiasm for reading since this.

We would like to repeat that the **most important activity you can do** with your child is listening to them read and sharing books with them daily. Encourage your child to talk in detail about the sequence of a story

We ask you to please make a comment in their reading record book when you hear them read. Lots of parents have remarked how useful the phonic section in the Reading Record book is and are using it to support their child's reading. This also includes a list of words that your child is expected to read by the end of Year One.

Homework

The Tudor houses you all made together are proudly displayed in the corridor outside Year One. The children learned so much from making these with you.

We will continue to send home spelling homework each week. Please support your child with learning these words.

PE

Please ensure their PE kit is in school at all times. Remember tracksuit bottoms and trainers (velcro if possible) during the winter months. Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Please ensure children with shoulder length hair or longer have their hair tied back. If your child has pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed in these sessions.

Topics for the Term

During Term 3 we will be studying Dinosaurs, linking to geography, science and history and answering the question 'How did dinosaurs live?'

We will be learning about the life of the famous scientist, Mary Anning and her discoveries.

In Term 4 we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be comparing their lives with the life of nurses today.

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Water

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. In order to do this, children need a **named** water bottle that they can use during the day. Please make sure this does not leak and has a 'sports top' lid. These can be bought in the school office. The children are strongly encouraged to drink water, not squash.

Break Time Snacks

KSI are given the option of a piece of fruit at break time or they can bring in fruit from home.

Please ensure that everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled with their name.

Finally we would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Bunting Year I Teachers