



29th January 2021

Dear Parents

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break with a well-earned rest, and that you are refreshed and ready to take on a new term of exciting and meaningful learning.

Term 3 has started really well with home learning on TEAMS and from the website as well as the packs that are being sent home. We are so pleased with all the fantastic learning that is going on at home and in school. A really big thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting their children's learning at home. We are very aware that everyone's situation is different and for many it must feel like a plate spinning exercise! Expectations are still high but also realistic.

Theme for the term

Our theme this term is 'Dungeons and Dragons'. It is Science and DT based and we shall be looking at testing natural and manmade materials for strength and how waterproof they are. We will then be using our results to make and test a dungeon for a dragon. With Spring on the way we shall be looking at growing plants to create a bed full of bee happy flowers. The children will be learning all about the world around them, including the 7 continents and the 5 oceans over the next two terms. We are going to look at the life and learnings of famous explorers including Christopher Columbus and Percy Powell Cotton. In English, we are looking at stories about Dragons and Spring for inspiration to write stories and information texts. In Maths we are going to be focussing on our multiplication and division skills by counting in 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s. We are also going to learn the properties of 2D and 3D shapes including their vertices, sides and faces, then begin to think about clocks, time and fractions. Addition and subtraction will be revisited too.

The children have been provided with their TT Rockstar usernames and passwords so that they can access the website at home. This could be used to practise their timetables at home.

Please continue to support your children's learning by reading stories with them, playing board games, using their phonic knowledge through spelling and reading, and enjoying the outside world whether it be your back garden, or a walk in the local countryside or woods. We are very lucky to live where we do, in an area that provides us with so much stimulus through history, geography, nature, and many other areas of natural beauty.

P.E. and Games

Indoor PE

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school and is fully labelled. Shorts and t-shirts are required for use in the hall, including plimsoles.

Outdoor PE

Outdoor PE is on a Friday afternoon.

For Outdoor P.E. the children will need **trainers** and a tracksuit including a warm jacket, especially as the weather is very cold. Davington kits are available at the school office. 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 before this session. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in a suitable bag and labelled clearly with their full name and class.

Please ensure all coats, school clothes, wellies and plimsolls are clearly labeled with their name.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dunt and Miss Blair
Year 2 Class Teachers

