



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a relaxing break. Thank you very much for all of the lovely cards and gifts. They were very much appreciated.

The usual things still apply to day to day running in the Spring Term:

Your child needs to have their Organiser in school every day. I noticed that lots of the children were leaving them in their trays during the Autumn Term but they need them at home to practise their spellings. Please record it in the Organiser when your child reads at home so they can get their library card stamped on a Friday.

New statutory spellings and a new key instant recall fact have been stuck in Home Learning books - which should come to school every morning and go home every afternoon. Please ensure that your child is keeping up with the Home Learning expectations for year 3. You can find them on the Rufford webpage if you need a reminder.

Most of the children are really enjoying playing on Times Tables Rockstars. If your child is reluctant to play, please encourage them. The more they play, the better they will become. We have a celebration board in the classroom and whole school board in the main corridor. Both are updated weekly.

Please ensure that P.E kits are kept in school all week so we can be flexible with our slots. The children can wear joggers/leggings and jumpers for our hand ball session on Wednesdays but an indoor kits is better for our dance lesson, which usually takes place on a Monday. If your child wears tights, please keep a pair of socks in their P.E bag. Long hair should be tied back during P.E lessons and ear-rings removed. Please ensure that your child brings their kit on the first day back after a holiday.

This half term our topics will be: Extreme Earth, Rocks & Soils and Creation. We will also be covering our unit on Drugs Education. The learning overview is on the Rufford webpage. If you have any concerns about the content, after looking at the overview, please contact me. I have booked a trip to take part in a Stone Age day at Conkers in March. I will send out details after half term.

We will be carrying out our mid-year assessments this term. As always, I will try to make it as stress free as possible for the children. We will talk about your child's progress at parent's evening in March.

As we are sure you are aware, we introduced our Library Card initiative at the beginning of the year to encourage children to read more at home, and for parents and carers to help us keep a more accurate record of their reading.

So far, it has been a success, with the majority of parents and children really getting on board and supporting it - as well as developing some healthy competitiveness between the classes! We are now getting to the stage where many children have completed their Bronze library card. Not only will these be displayed outside the library, but they will also be entered into a prize draw in February. PLEASE keep supporting us with this by signing your child's Organiser every time you hear them read and ensuring that you read with your child during the school holidays. They get their library cards stamped after a holiday too.

If you don't visit our class page on the school website, it's a great place to see what we have been doing and access useful information. I regularly add new photographs and there is a variety of things for parents at the bottom of the page. There are also links to games to support learning.

Thank you for all of your support during the Autumn term and thank you in advance for your help and support this term.

*Kelly Hally*