

Warlingham Village Primary School's Class Newsletter



Year 2 Autumn 2019

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday.

<u>Homework</u>

An English or Maths task will be given as homework each week. Homework is collected in on a Monday and given out on a Tuesday. These tasks should be completed in about 30 minutes with minimal adult support.

Children will also be set Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars activities to complete at home each week. Individual logins are attached to reading record books. Team points will be given for good effort.

Spellings

Spelling lists are in the back of the reading record books. Usually, 6 or 10 spellings will be given each week. Correct spellings are highlighted and those not highlighted are to be learnt again for the next week. I will inform you of your child's group, so you will know which day their test will be on. Children will be collected early from the playground on their spelling day.

Suns- Monday

Moons- Tuesday

Stars- Wednesday

Planets- Thursday

Rockets- Friday



Take-away homework

Our takeaway homework each term is linked to our Discovery Curriculum topic and will be sent home separately. This term our topic is 'Fire, Fire—a Capital Catastrophe'. In the Spring term our topic is 'Arctic Explorers—A Frozen World'. In the Summer term our topic is 'Superheroes—Comic Strip and Beyond'.

Reading books

Reading books will be changed on a **Monday**. Your child will choose 3 reading books to read throughout the week. Please fill in your child's reading record with any comment you think is appropriate each time they read to you. **Books will only be changed if there is an entry in the record book.** A list of possible comprehension questions to ask your child is stuck into the front of their reading record.

Volunteering your time

If anyone would like to volunteer to come into school in the afternoon to hear children read, please come and see me after school. We really appreciate any support from parents and grandparents.



English

This term we will be focussing on:

- Instructions
- Report writing
- Diary writing
- Punctuation and grammar
- Inference and deduction in reading



Handwriting

We will continue to develop cursive handwriting. I will send a copy of this home along with some tramline paper, so you can see how to form letters. Many children have started to join their letters and children should always be encouraged to use their best handwriting.

PE

PE will be on **Mondays.** Please ensure that your child's PE kit is at school on this day and that it is clearly labelled to avoid loss. Earrings should not be worn on this day and long hair should be tied back.

Snack

The children will receive free fruit every day to enjoy at playtime. They should also bring in a drink of **water** in a labelled bottle for use throughout the day.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be working on:

- place value
- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division
- measurement and graphs



Discovery Curriculum

This term our main topic is "Fire, Fire - a Capital Catastrophe' when we will be learning about The Great Fire of London.' Our Discovery Curriculum has a cross-curricular approach to teaching and learning, taking account of what the children know and would like to know.

At the end of the topic, we will complete a 'Champion Challenge', where the children will use all the skills that they have learnt to complete a group challenge.

Thank you for reading this letter. If you have any questions or problems, then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Morris. I am available to speak to parents after school, or if this is not convenient then please phone and make an appointment. I look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Mrs Vincent