

Horse Chestnut Class

Newsletter

This half term:

Maths

- Length and Perimeter.
- Multiplication and Division.

English

- Letter Writing (Paddington).
- Instruction Writing.
- Diary Writing (The Boy who biked the world).

Geography

- Maps (Around the World in 80 Days).

Science

- Empiribox, Senses.

Music

- Cornet/Baritones

PE

- Dance.
- Gymnastics.

RE

- Christianity (Inspirational People).

Computing

- Searching the internet and using databases.

Art/DT

- Festive Stockings.

French

- La Famille.

PSHE

- Growth Mind set.
- Medicines.

Where did last term go? We have had a great start to the year and I hope you're all ready for lots more fun and learning this half term.

Behaviour and Rewards.

I have been very impressed with how quickly everyone has settled into Horse Chestnut class and have adapted to the new routines of year 4. This has been acknowledged outside the classroom too and I was very proud that we obtained the most Lawshall point last half term. As a reward for their effort and attitude, the children will be able to wear non-school uniform on the first day back. Well done year 4!

PE

This half term our PE sessions will be indoors. On a Tuesday afternoon we will be doing some gymnastics with Tom Bigg and on Friday afternoon I shall be teaching dance. A quick reminder that all long hair should be tied up for PE.

Reading

Promoting a love of reading is so important to your child's vocabulary development. I know it's difficult to find time to read, but lots of you have been busy over the last half term reading at home and recording this in your child's reading logs. As well as reading fiction books, it is so important to continue to read a variety of different texts, such as instructions, magazines, and non-fiction books. I am happy for you to make note of any reading your child is doing in their reading logs. As well as you listening to your child read, it is also important that you are still reading to your children too. At school we make time to read to the children as well as listening to them read. This half term, I will

also be inviting the children to share what they are reading and suggesting new books to their peers.

Linked to this, I will be running a reading club on a Friday lunchtime. I will talk to the children about the club, but I am hoping that it will be a time where the children can come and enjoy some books. This may include some group reading and a chance to read some of Mr Mison's personal collection.

Homework

As last half term, the children will receive homework every Tuesday, which will be due in the following Monday. We had almost everyone bringing in their homework every week, so let's keep up the good work! Your child will also receive a set of spellings, which will be tested on Thursday. I will give these out, but it is your child's responsibility to ensure they are stuck in their books and make their way home.

I will be running a homework club on a Wednesday lunchtime. Whilst I aim to provide your child with homework they can do independently, if they are finding it difficult, this is an opportunity for them to get additional support.

Times Tables.

This half term, we are moving to test the children's times table knowledge through the completion of times table speed grids. This will test the children of the speed recall of their times tables and will also allow the children to come home each week with a more tailored times table to learn for the following week. Speed grids will be completed on a Tuesday.

Parental involvement

Over the next half term, we will be having a big push reading in year 4. If anyone can spare any time to listen to some of the class read, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Keeping in touch

Here's to another brilliant half term. As usual, if you have any questions or concerns please get in touch, my door is always open.

Mr Mison