

Friday 8th September 2023.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break with your family and you're ready for a fun term of hard work. This letter is to inform you of the learning your child will be involved in this term and any other necessary information.

Homework

Spellings will be given out on a Monday via Class Dojo. The children will have 2 or 3 short spelling lessons every week which will focus in detail about spelling patterns and ways in which to learn the words. We will also be focussing quite heavily on the Year 3/4 Statutory spellings so we would be very grateful if you could practise reading and writing these words. A copy of these words will be shared with you via the Meet the teacher evening.

PE

We are going to continue to ask all children to come to school in their PE kit on the days that we have PE which will be Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has black/navy jogging bottoms for the winter along with their blue PE shorts, T-shirt and school jumper. If the weather is good, the children can wear their blue shorts and blue T-shirt. Please ensure each piece of clothing is **named**.

Reading

We feel very strongly about nurturing and instilling a love of reading within children. We will continue to use Accelerated Reader. Your child should read **at least** 3 times a week. Your child doesn't have to complete a book overnight, little and often is more successful. Your child will complete a short quiz once they have finished their book which can be completed as soon as they start their school day, or at some point during the day. If your child needs to change their book please encourage them to do this as soon as they have completed their quiz - this can be done on any day in the week. It is really important that you discuss the book with your child. Try to discuss their understanding of their reading by discussing what has happened, character's feelings and what might happen next. We will be discussing many different reading skills in our reading lessons but often find that inference and deduction questions can be quite challenging. These are where you 'read between the lines' so if you are able to ask your child questions where they have to deduce for example, what a character is doing and why they are doing it, this will deepen their comprehension skills.

Uniform

Please ensure **all** clothing is labelled, particularly jumpers and cardigans. At school we ask that children put their jumpers/cardigans in their trays as soon as they take them off. We are sure you will appreciate that it is very difficult to monitor where a class of children keep their jumpers, therefore please could you support us by also encouraging your child to look after their own belongings.

Request for contact with class teacher

At Austin Farm we have an open door policy for parents. If you require to speak with one of us, please message us on Class Dojo or put a note in your child's diary and one of us will contact you as soon as we can. We are more than happy to help and support you with anything you may need but first thing in the morning is a very difficult time to have an in depth conversation. We must set aside time to do this properly with you.

Water Bottles

Please can we ask that you send your child in with a water bottle containing water every day. These will be returned daily for them to be washed and returned the following day. Please ensure that the bottle is named.

We look forward to a busy, happy and fulfilling term.

Mr Thomas

Mrs Davis

Mrs Garland

Mrs Hussey

English

This term we will be looking at a range of genres including:
Non Chronological reports
Short stories
Poetry
Instructions

DT

In DT we will be designing and making our own canopic jars using our learning in History. We will also use hieroglyphs to describe what is inside the canopic jar,

Science/History/Geography/RE

In science we will begin by learning about light, why we see it, how it reflects and what is or isn't a light source.
In the second half of term we will be learning about rocks and fossils.
In History we will begin by learning about the Ancient Egyptians before moving on to the Mesopotamians of the Indus valley.
In Geography we will be learning about Rivers before moving on to learning all about Mountains.
In RE, we are learning about Hinduism, specifically about the story of Rama and Sita and how this links to Diwali before we begin learning about other interesting Hindu stories.

Year 3 Autumn Term



PE

During outdoor PE this term we will be focussing on invasion games where a ball needs to be kept on the ground.
In our indoor PE session, the children will be investigating balances using different parts of their body. After half term, we will be learning to create a dance motif based on the Roman invasion.

COMPUTING—TO CHECK

We will be learning all about computer networks in the first half of term before tackling the fun unit of animations!

Maths—

This term we will be learning the following areas of maths:
Place value
Addition
Subtraction
Shape

/SMSC/Music/French

In SMSC we will be learning about 'Being me in my World'. The children will learn about their role in class and the wider community. We will be focussing on developing our oracy and growth mindset skills.
In Music, we will investigate how to appraise and accompany songs with musical instruments based around Abba. In French, we will be learning how to use basic conversational French, including the pronunciation of the vowel sounds.