

Home-School Link Sheet -



Infants Autumn Term 2014

News this Term

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good summer. Our topic this term is 'Heroes' and 'Superheroes'. We will be creating our own superhero, writing about superheroes and learning about real heroes. In science we will find out what a superhero needs to do to be healthy.

PE this term will be on a Tuesday afternoon but it would be helpful if PE kits could stay in school all week so that we can be flexible about PE lessons. Also the children are following the 'Activate Programme' each day in class.

The children have a reading rocket to take them to a planet far, far away. To board the rocket they need to read, three times a week at home. If they read more than that they can land on the planet for the week and receive a sticker for their rainbow card. Please write in the reading record each time you hear your child read so we can launch them on a Friday.

We will go to the school library each Monday to give children the opportunity to choose a book to share with you at home for the week.

We hope to go to Forest School this term on Friday mornings, weather permitting. The dates are 26.9.14, 10.10.14 and 24.10.14 if you are able to help on any of these dates please let us know.

Literacy

The children will have a daily focus on phonics and will learn about the different alternative spellings of phonemes.

On Friday the children will bring home some spellings to learn each week. These will be their individual high frequency words. We will check them each week and update them as they learn them.

We will be reading books about superheroes and the children will write their own stories, make posters and write reports about various superheroes.

The children may also watch superhero stories to inspire their writing.

Numeracy

The way we learn instant recall facts (those key facts we need to do every day mental maths) is changing this year. KIRFs have been replaced by 'Space Mission' in which children work at their own pace on groups of instant recall facts based around planets. When they have achieved all challenges at a particular level they move onto the next planet. This will enable pupils to progress at their own pace, so your child may spend a while at one planet and then move on quickly as they master the challenges at the next level.

Children need to be able to remember facts in 3 seconds to be judged as having achieved 'instant recall'.

Assessment is via a series of challenges on 3 separate occasions at school so don't worry if it takes a few weeks for your child to move on.

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle and a coat with a hood each day in school.

Would you like to help? If you have any time to spare I would be grateful for some help in the classroom. You may be able to help with art work, baking, sewing, ICT, Forest school or listening to children read if so please come and talk to me, your help would be appreciated.