

6 January 2015

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break!

Clothing

Through the winter please could you ensure that all of your child's winter clothes are clearly and permanently labelled. There has been a lot of unnamed lost property which unfortunately the school cannot store indefinitely.

All PE kits were sent home before the holiday and the children's lockers were emptied entirely, however there is one PE kit missing. Please could you check to see whether your child has brought this home along with their PE kit. Please ensure that when you send PE kits back in to school that they are labelled. An indoor kit may be kept in the classroom in a separate bag (shorts and a t-shirt). Outdoor kits should be stored in lockers (tracksuit bottoms, a jumper and trainers/boots suitable for the field and playground).

Reading and spelling

Your child reads with an adult at least twice a week as part of our guided reading session and reading assessment is rigorous and up to date. The book that your child takes home should be accessible for them to read, understand and enjoy independently or out loud to an adult. In our guided reading sessions your child is challenged through questioning and they read books from a higher book band than the one they take home. Please make sure that when your child reads at home that you sign their book mark and remind them to put their book in the swap box first thing in the morning.

The system for spellings will remain the same. Please continue to support your child with this.

The curriculum

This half term the key focus for our geography learning is the continents and the five oceans. In science we will be learning about natural and manmade materials. Children will be bringing home a small amount of topic related homework to support their learning. Please watch out for this!

Home time

Please ensure that, unless I am already aware of home time agreements, you inform the office or their Class Teacher if your child is going home with another child's parents. Thank you.

As always, if you have any concerns or question regarding your child's learning or wellbeing please do catch me at the end of the day so that we can arrange an appropriate meeting time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shingler and Miss Hodgson.