

# Amber Class Newsletter

## Spring Term 2018

Welcome back to Amber Class and happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and feel refreshed ready for another busy term.

This newsletter will hopefully give you an insight into some of the work we will be covering and will provide some helpful reminders.

### Home learning and spellings

Following on from the success of our new homework system last term, a homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of the spring term. This grid will have lots of options that the children can choose to do for their homework. They will need to complete one piece every **2 weeks** - the hand in dates will be given underneath the grid. In the alternating weeks, the children will continue to be set tasks on Mathletics and Spellodrome. If they do not have access to the Internet at home they can continue to come to Mathletics club which runs every lunchtime in the Hub.

The children will also continue to work on their spellings at school, using their personalised spelling pack that has been given to them. We will work with them weekly on these and once they are confident with spelling the words and using them in their work, we will set some more. This term we will be starting to send the spelling packs home with information on how to help your child practise their spellings effectively.

We are always very grateful for your support and if you can ensure that your child completes their home learning neatly and by the correct day it will be much appreciated.

### Reading

The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes EVERY day. The children must record this in the reading record page in the contact books. Please listen to them read at least once a week and record this in the contact books. Remember to record if your child has finished their book in the contact book so that we can change it the next day.

### Computing

This term, the children will be learning about coding using programs like Blockly and J2e.

### P.E

The children will have PE lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons so it is necessary for your child to have a full, named PE kit in school on these days. (This does include plimsolls or trainers for outdoor PE sessions.) Please ensure that the children are prepared as the lesson could be indoors or outdoors depending on the topic and the weather.

Over the course of the term, the children will be developing their skills through a number of gym activities and the focus of the sessions with Mr Tanner will involve learning the skills and rules for badminton.

### **R.E**

Our focus for R.E. for the first half of the spring term is important signs and symbols. After half term we will be looking at the question, 'what do we know about Jesus?'

### **Cornerstones**

Our first topic this term is Scrumdiddlyumptious! and is focused around D&T. Children will be carrying out various activities and tasks on the theme of food, looking closely at nutrition and where food comes from. We will be starting off our topic with a trip to Tolworth Marks & Spencer for our memorable experience.

After half term we will move on to a topic called Gods and Mortals, which is based on history. As part of this topic we will be learning about mythical creatures and legendary heroes in Ancient Greece!

We will be inviting the parents in at the end of each topic to see what the children have been learning and to do look at the homework they have produced. Our first Express will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 3:20pm** in the classroom.

### **French**

The children will continue to have a French lesson every week and we will be working through the Rigolo scheme which is a fun and interactive scheme that helps them to learn the French language.

### **Contact Books**

The children will continue to bring home contact books. These will be signed on a daily basis in school and we would appreciate you doing the same at home. If you have any messages for the teachers please use the contact book and please make sure the children bring in their contact books and reading books every day.

We look forward to another successful term!

Miss Golding & Miss Blake (TA)