

Is there anyone out there?

This term we will be focusing on our science skills in our Curriculum work with our big question 'Is there anyone out there?'; this will include our English and our Topic work. We will be covering a range of writing genres and just know your awesome skills will be put to good use. Our Maths topic for this term is Fractions. We will recap some familiar concepts from Year 4 before we move onto the challenges of Year 5!

We are really looking forward to our second term together after a brilliant start in Jaguar class. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office directly and I will be able to get in touch with you from there.

PE

This term the children will need to bring **appropriate PE kits** on a Monday and Tuesday. These lessons could be indoors or outdoors so please ensure that your child has all the necessary kit, without it they will not be able to participate.

This term our PE lesson will focus on gymnastics and dance.

Forest School

This year we will be doing Forest School for one full day a term. This will be on the 20th of November. Children are to come to school in their Forest School clothes (long sleeves, long trousers, appropriate shoes). The children should also have waterproofs and warm clothing as we could be outside in all weathers and as we all know November weather is fairly unpredictable. Please ensure children are in suitable clothing to cover the seasonal changes.

Important Dates:

10th Nov - Indian Dance Workshop, 20th Nov - Forest School, **28th Nov - Non-Uniform**, 10th Dec - Christingles & KS2 Christmas Concert, **15th Dec - Rocksteady Concert**, 16th Dec - Christmas Visitor, **17th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch**, 18th Dec - Panto.

Homework

As the children move up the school it is important to begin preparing them for Year 6 and Secondary School, this means setting clear expectations for homework over the year. Homework books are to be returned to school every Friday so that we can keep track of what is being done.

Children will be given compulsory nurture homework activities that are to be completed each week and will be monitored. The children are expected to read regularly throughout the week and for this to be noted on the reading log they have been given. Weekly spellings are also provided for the children to practice as well as being on spelling shed. Every Friday the children will have a short 10 question spelling test to monitor this. Times tables practice can be done via TTRockstars where appropriate questions will be set for them to access.

Children are also given the opportunity to take part in challenge homework activities. These consist of Maths, English, and Curriculum tasks that relate to our learning. These activities are completely optional but the children are invited to take part in order to further their learning.

If you have any problems accessing the websites needed for homework let me know as soon as possible and we will try our best to rectify any issues for you.