

Can you feel the force?

This term our class question is 'Can you feel the force?' We will be thinking about difference forces and how they are acting all around us. We are also going to become scientists and take part in a number of different experiments to investigate these forces.

In English we will be focusing on the book 'The Tin Snail' by Cameron McAllistair to inspire our fiction and our non-fiction writing. We will be looking at narrative writing, newspapers and dairy entries. In Maths we are continuing our work on multiplication/division and fractions. This means we will be going over some of the concepts previously covered in order to consolidate them, as well as introducing some new ideas into our learning.

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.

Miss Paggett

PE

This term the children will need to bring **appropriate PE kits** on a **Wednesday**. These lessons will be indoor so please make sure the children have everything necessary.

This term we are also taking part in **swimming lessons**. These will take place on a **Monday** and the children will need to bring **appropriate kits in a bag**.

Forest School

This year we will be doing Forest School for one full day a term. This term this will be happening on the **16th of January**. Children are to come to school in their Forest School clothes (long sleeves, long trousers, appropriate shoes). The children should also have waterproofs as we could be outside in all weathers and the weather is fairly unpredictable. Please ensure children come to school with a packed lunch as we will be at Backhouse Woods all day.

Important Dates: **Young Voices – Tue 4th Feb (all day)**

Celebration Afternoon – Fri 24th Jan

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.

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 at least three times a week and for this to be noted on the reading card 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 Topic tasks that relate to our learning, as well as a task that will contribute to their Cultural Passport Award. 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.