



Cropredy C of E Primary School

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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Autumn term!

We are very excited to be back at school, kicking off with our new topic, The Natural World. Much of our learning will be linked to this topic, for more details please see the curriculum web for this term. I will be teaching the class every day, with Ms Turner teaching science on a Tuesday afternoon. We are also lucky enough to have Mrs Cooper, Mrs Hingley and Mr Watt supporting in class.

Although I know many of you are familiar with the routines and arrangements at school, please do take a moment to read through the following information.

Homework for Term 1 will involve English and Maths weekly tasks. These will be given out and marked on a **FRIDAY**. These tasks will incorporate an English Comprehension activity, which I will then mark with the children so it can be used as a teaching and learning opportunity. The maths activity will involve work we have been covering over the week to reinforce the children's learning.

Times Tables will also be a key feature of the term and a weekly test will take place every Friday, when children will be encouraged to improve their scores from the previous week. is. A great website to help with this is www.timestables.co.uk, where children can practice and test themselves against the clock. Spellings will be given out weekly on a Friday and tested on a Friday also. There will be 10 spellings to learn; 5 from the Year3/4 Statutory spelling list and the other 5 will be based on a spelling pattern or family.

Please could I ask for your support in ensuring your child reads regularly at home as this will have a huge impact on their learning. It would be fantastic if you could support your child in choosing a suitable reading book. They can select one from school or may prefer to read a book from home. Ideally, we would like children to be reading for approximately 20 minutes per evening. As part of the weekly homework your child will be asked to complete a Reading Diary comment. This can either be 1 sentence after every reading session, or if your child prefers, a paragraph of 4-5 sentences at the end of the week. This will also be checked on Fridays. Please encourage your child to engage with the reading book and write an appropriate review. Your child/children will also take part in guided reading in class.

Our **PE** lessons will normally happen on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school every day – sometimes we have to reschedule our PE lessons due to other commitments or we may have an extra session in the week! As well as shorts and a t-shirt, at this time of year children also need to have warm joggers, a school PE hoodie and outside training shoes.

FOREST SCHOOL will be happening two consecutive weeks each short term. Mr Pemble will be leading these sessions and the class teacher and teaching assistants who are working that day will also attend. The sessions will involve cross- curricular learning with this term's sessions covering geography, DT and maths.

Care – Create - Challenge

The school office will e-mail and text reminders the week before each double session. Your child/children will need warm old clothes, waterproofs and wellies on Forest School days. See DATES FOR YOUR DIARY for this term's forest school dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th September – Harvest service in church – at 1.30pm

27th September - yr. 6 lead on Macmillan coffee morning – 8.45 – 10am

23rd October – Pupil Progress Meetings

4th November – Children Singing for Children

13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

16th December – Music Extravaganza

18th December – The Snow Queen Theatre Performance trip – North Walls Arts Centre Oxford

19th December – Church Carol Service – 1.00pm

Autumn Term Forest School Sessions

Friday 18th October

Friday 25th October

Friday 22nd November

Friday 29th November

Please see the Head teacher's weekly newsletter for all other information regarding dates of upcoming events.

The children have made a great start to term and I am sure will have a very successful time in Year 4.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards

Linda Birkbeck and the year 4 team