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Kites Class Newsletter – Summer 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful rest over the Easter holidays and made some great memories as a family. I am so excited to be welcoming you all back, ready for an exciting and busy Summer 1 term. We are fortunate to be joined by Miss Yearsley, who will be working with us until half term.

Curriculum – ‘Arabian Nights!’

This term our project is called ‘Arabian Nights.’ This project combines English, History, Commando Joes, Religion and World Views, Music, Art and Computing. For more details, please see the attached document to see how these subjects link together and the main themes of learning.



We will be writing a non-fiction guide to Islam, informing our readers of factual information about the religion we have learnt about during our Religion and World Views learning journey.

Following on from our trip to see Aladdin at the theatre, we will then be writing a reflective recount, in the form of a review, giving insightful details for visitors who may be interested in viewing the performance for themselves.

Class rewards

During the term the class will be working together to collect marbles in a jar in recognition of their achievements. They have voted to choose their rewards:

¼ full	½ full	¾ full	full
Extra playtime	Games afternoon	Class picnic	Non-uniform day

Children will be praised for demonstrating our vision in action and working hard on their learning journey.

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Reading

We want to continue creating a culture that values and supports reading for pleasure and we will commit to the following:

- adults reading aloud regularly
- informal book talk, including recommendations from peers and adults
- encouraging library use, including the local public library
- providing time to read
- sociable reading environments – we will continue to develop our book corner over the course of the year.

Children will bring home a reading book which they have selected themselves. We recommend that the children read regularly at home as it is a great way to cover a wide range of authors and genres. It will also allow them to understand and use a wide range of vocabulary. They should aim to read on at least four occasions in any one week for a minimum of 10-15 minutes at a time.

We ask for you to listen to your child read as much as possible during the week to support their reading progression. Please encourage them to record their reading activity in their reading record book. It really does make a difference to their progress across the curriculum.

Homework

Our homework enables all pupils to make sure they have chance to practise and recall things like spellings and tables, to read regularly and also complete a weekly piece linked to our project.

I have created a grid of activities for children to select from each week – these cover the subjects being covered this term and develop a range of skills and knowledge. I can't wait to see what the children create and bring in to share with the class. Our homework books will be sent home every **Thursday** and should be returned to school on the following **Tuesday**. Good pieces of homework and great effort will be rewarded through the school reward systems.

PE Kit

All children should have indoor and outdoor kit e.g. shorts and school t-shirt for indoors and joggers, sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor sessions. **PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed for the following week.**

Please remember that pupils are not permitted to take part in PE lessons whilst wearing earrings (unless they have been pierced within the last six weeks in which case they are permitted to tape them up until six weeks has passed). **Staff are not permitted to assist pupils with the removal or insertion of earrings.** If pupils are not able to manage earrings independently, they should not wear them to school on days when PE is timetabled to take place but remove them, with assistance, at home.

Year Four and Year Three will continue to go swimming every Monday.

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Outdoor Play

There is an opportunity to play on the field every day. The grass can be wet and children need to have a pair of wellington boots to use so that their school shoes remain dry and clean. Please name your child's boots as it can be hard to reunite lost clothing and equipment to the right child if it is not named. If you have any old boots that your child has grown out of, we would really appreciate you sending them in so we can pass them on to someone who needs them.

When the weather is particularly wet, children will need a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers. Again, please ensure these are named to avoid them going missing.

Reminders

- **Water Bottles** – please make sure children bring a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunch box) as this allows them to access water as and when they require it. To improve the oral health of children, only water is permitted in class. If your child brings in a bottle filled with something other than water, we will provide them with a cup so that they can access water during the day.
- **Snacks** – Children may bring in a **healthy snack** for mid-morning break. Suitable choices include fruit, cheese, yogurt and vegetable sticks. Do let us know if your child has any food allergies or intolerances.
- **Absence and sickness** – please let the office know if your child is not attending because they are ill. Also please note that Health Protection Agency guidance states that children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of either sickness or diarrhea.

Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct using the following address:

v.blunden@wroxtonprimary.co.uk

Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school as I may be busy with classroom duties and teaching earlier in the day. In all cases I will endeavour to reply to you within 2 working days. Obviously if the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child, then you should contact the school office.

I look forward to working with you again this year and helping your children achieve our vision; Care, Share, Learn and Worship Together.

Kind Regards,

Victoria Blunden

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