



Wednesday 30th April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been lovely to hear the children talking about what they have been up to and places they have been.

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I thought I would inform you of a few things that you will need to know about.

Curriculum Overview

Attached to this letter is an overview of the learning that has been planned for this term.

In Science, we will be focusing on 'Rocks and Soils' before moving onto 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and our famous scientist this term is Robert Boyle. In Geography we will be looking at landscapes and in History, we will study the Stone Age.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday via the Seesaw App. Homework is expected to be completed by Tuesday of the following week. We encourage parental involvement in homework, especially if your child is experiencing difficulties. However, if they need further support, please advise them to come and see me, or via the Seesaw app.

Log ins for the Seesaw app can be found in your children's reading log books.

Reading

Children should read at home (independently and to an adult) on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). These should be recorded in your child's reading record book. Their reading record book and reading book need to be in school every day so that adults in school can hear your child and record their comments. It is also important to discuss what your child has read to help develop their reading comprehension skills.

Spellings

Weekly spellings, and the associated spelling rule, will continue to be sent on Monday via the Seesaw app. The children will need to learn their weekly spellings, and their rule, ready for a spelling test on Thursday of the same week. Your child will upload a photograph onto Seesaw of their completed spelling test and score. Children who make more than one mistake will be able to practise the ones they got wrong, ready to be re-tested on Friday. It is very important that your child develops confidence in spelling a range of familiar and unfamiliar words as well as understanding the rules that need to be applied to spell such words. Therefore, your support in helping your child is very much appreciated.



Maths Skills

For Maths, there is a need for quick recall of all times table facts up to 12 x 12 and an expectation that children have a bank of known key facts, which they can recall instantly. Each half term we will have a different focus on a set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) and a copy will be sent home and added to Seesaw. Please spend some time each week helping your child to learn these facts as well as their times tables as these skills will be invaluable to their progress and ability to apply their Math's skills.

P.E. and Forest School

A P.E. kit (white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of trainers) will be required for P.E. on a Monday and Thursday afternoon, however their full P.E. kit should always be in school as we sometimes have these lessons on different days or extra physical activities that may require a change of clothes or shoes. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for lessons and all items, including their school uniform, are clearly labelled. No jewellery is to be worn, and earrings must be removed.

Throughout the week, we will continue to do our Daily Mile to promote being active and having a healthy lifestyle and to help your child concentrate in the classroom. Please ensure that children have a pair of trainers or daps in school that they can change into.

On a Wednesday afternoon, the children will have Forest School. Please refer to the bottom of the newsletter or the school app to find out which dates your child will be involved in forest school and the clothing they need to wear.

After half term, we will also be swimming as part of our PE Curriculum. From last September, Ross-On-Wye swimming pool have introduced an intensive course for school swimming lessons. This means that instead of swimming once a week for ten weeks, we will complete our ten sessions by swimming every afternoon for two weeks (Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June.) More information regarding swimming will follow shortly.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform and P.E. kit is clearly named, so that if any items of clothing are found, we can pass on to the child.

Healthy Snacks

As you may be aware, as a school we are focusing on eating healthily throughout the school day. We will be continuing to work on this through collective worships and in class activities.

For break times, children can bring in a healthy snack (no chocolate, crisps or sweets) if they wish such as some fruit/vegetables or a cereal bar.

I am looking forward to working together to ensure your child is happy, safe and that they achieve their full potential. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me/email me – swilliams@goodrich.hereford.sch.uk or see me at the beginning/end of the school day on the gate.

Best wishes

Miss Williams