

Friday 5th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know what your children can look forward to this term as well as provide some helpful reminders.

Reading at home.

All children should be reading at home at least 3 times a week. Book folders are a vital part of helping to protect the books that the children carry to and from school. When books are kept loose in a backpack or large bag they get damaged very quickly. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate book folder/wallet every day.

P.E

The P.E kit remains the same for indoor PE which is; a white T shirt and well-fitting shorts, leotard or leggings are necessary. For outdoor PE, your child will require a suitable pair of trainers and may wish to bring tracksuit bottoms and a long sleeved top during the colder months. Can we remind children that jogging bottoms are for outdoor PE only. This term, Sharman Class will be swimming on Wednesdays while Jemison Class will be doing indoor PE on Thursdays. On Tuesdays both classes will have outdoor PE on alternate Tuesdays.

Home learning

On Fridays, your child will bring home spellings to learn and a times tables activity will be provided. Spellings and times tables are tested weekly. It is important that all the children know their multiplication and division facts for all numbers up to 12 x 12. You will find a home learning grid that is relevant to our topic in the home learning book. Your child should pick one activity from the grid and complete this at home. Any home learning from the grid will be celebrated in school.

English

The children's learning in English this half term is based around our science topic of Earth and Space. We will be using a range of quality texts that relate to this topic, including Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We will also be working with the National Theatre this half term on a Winter's Tale, which will be followed by a performance by the National Theatre in school.

In Maths we are continuing to use the Inspire Singapore maths scheme. More information on this can be found on our website www.gallionsmount.greenwich.sch.uk

Topic

Our geography topic for this term is the USA, where the children will learn about the physical and human features of the USA. Our history topic is a continuation of the Anglo Saxons from Year 4 where the children will understand the impact of the Anglo Saxons on the history of Britain.

Should you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sonya Potts and Mrs Rosie Knight