

April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and we would like to welcome you all back for our final term of the year.

Reading at home.

This term we really want to encourage children to develop their enjoyment of reading. Here are some useful tips to help your child at home:

1. **It's still good to share:** Reading to your child, listening to your child read, leaving them to read alone and listening to audio books are all valuable. Try to chat informally about reading and swap ideas about good reads – no pressure!
2. **Keep opening up the world of reading:** Share the variety of your reading with your child: books, magazines, websites, and apps, to show how reading can help you to follow your interests and to get involved.
3. **Valuing choice but nudging forward:** Children enjoy reading series' of books or books by the same author. This is very important however, over time it's a good idea to try to gently move them on to keep their reading experience fresh and broad
4. **Join a reading club or library:** Many libraries offer the Summer Reading Challenge

For more ideas to help with reading at home: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/encouraging-reading-ages-9-11/>

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 both Sharman Class and Jemison Class will be doing indoor PE on alternate Thursdays and outdoor PE on alternate Tuesdays.

Home learning

On Fridays, your child will continue to bring home literacy and maths activities. It is important that they complete these activities to help them prepare for SATs, as well as getting them into good habits prior to heading to secondary school in September.

English & Maths

The children's learning in English this half term is based around the text *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. In Maths we are revising and building upon the children's knowledge of arithmetic and worded reasoning problems. We will continue to build on their long multiplication and division skills; ability to solve worded money problems and use of graphs, charts and tables to find information.

Science

In science this term the children will be learning about electricity. They will be constructing and drawing a range of symbol circuits and learning about the symbols used to represent the components of these circuits.

Topic

The first half term the children will be studying the history of crime and punishment in Britain since 1066, which will link in with our literacy work on *The Hunger Games*. In the second half of the term we will be looking at Brazil and the Amazon basin. Should you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Best wishes,

Mr Duncan Bailey and Miss Jemma Deller