

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 with more challenging books.
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/building-independence-as-a-reader-ages-7-9>

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 Edison Class will be doing indoor PE on Fridays and Faraday class will be swimming every Tuesday. Outdoor PE will be on alternate Wednesdays.

Home learning

On Fridays, your child will continue to bring home spellings and a maths activity in their book. Spellings are tested weekly. The children will have a new learning grid that supports our topic for this term.

English and Maths

The children's learning in English this half term is based around the text Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

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

Science

In science this term the children will be learning about Living things and Habitats. They will be finding out about the digestive system and teeth in Animals including humans. We will be making links with PSHE and the Sex and Relationships Education on Puberty.

Topic

The first half term the children will be studying biomes and vegetation belts. We will be developing fieldwork skills at Lesnes Abbey and Creekside in Deptford, where we will take part in a river walk, and look at key physical and human characteristics. In the second half of the term, our History topic is about Benin. We will be going on a trip to The Horniman Museum to take part in a history workshop.

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

Best wishes,

Mrs Marjorie Delahaye and Miss Sara Hope