

CLASS CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2018

WELCOME

Welcome back to Autumn term in Orca Class. Already the children have done lots of work and seem fired up for the weeks ahead. They are a smashing class and I'm thrilled to be their teacher.

Please remember that I am always available if you want to discuss your child's needs or have any questions. If you are able to offer to help in the classroom at any time that would be wonderful - all support is appreciated and the children will enjoy working with you.

Triumphs and Disasters

This term our topic is Triumphs and Disasters. A topic plan will come home next week to show you the main aspects we will be covering, all linked to the National Curriculum. In addition the children will think of their own lines of development to keep their learning fresh and exciting. The children are very welcome to bring in any relevant books or artefacts. Please pop into the classroom to take a look at the displays and work we are doing as the term progresses.

PE

This will be every Thursday afternoon with Mr Studd. Children will need to bring their PE kit to school on that day; however it is handy if they can keep it in school all the time as we may go out for a quick run-about.

Wake and Shake takes place every morning at 9am to get the heart pumping!

Homework

Spelling and multiplications are being sent home today for **testing on Friday**. Reading, spellings and times tables are the priority areas and must be covered each week. Additional topic-based homework tasks will be sent home each week and will be closely linked to the work covered in class that week to make it more meaningful.

Year 6 will be set extra SATs homework in due course.

Parents' evenings this term are the week of 15th October and Harvest Festival on the 18th of October.

READING

Every day we do approximately 20 minutes of extended reading. This term we are focusing on fiction and your child will be helped to choose a book that is appropriate to their ability and interests. They may bring a book from home if they wish. The aim is to see the children totally absorbed in their books, recommending books to others and bringing books from home to create their own 'book club'. I will listen to children read aloud, focusing on technical reading strategies and advanced comprehension skills. In addition, some children will read individually on a daily or weekly basis. If appropriate your child will continue to have a reading record book signed by an adult; most children won't need these as they take responsibility for their own reading.

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING PLEASE COME IN - THE DOOR AND YOUR CHILD'S WORK BOOKS ARE ALWAYS OPEN SO PLEASE COME IN FOR A CHAT! Jane Talbot