

Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say a somewhat belated Happy New Year to you all, and begin with a big thank you from myself, Mrs Batchelor and Mrs Dance for the lovely assortment of gifts and cards at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated!

This term is now well under way, and began with a whole school focus on Live, Learn and Flourish. Children explored values and self, before reflecting on how to be the best they can be. This term our value is 'Courage' which we will incorporate into our thinking and our work.

This week we have begun our new topic for the term titled 'Do-you-think-he-Saurus?' On Monday we created our own dinosaur puppet shows, where children wrote, created and performed their own puppet shows, whilst incorporating the theme of Courage within their story. Our plan for this term's curriculum can be found on the school website. Enclosed with this letter is our selection of homework activities for this term. We shall share our work from 2.30 pm on Monday 19th March at 2.30pm. I look forward to seeing the impressive array of work produced by the children.

We continue to support your child's reading in school, though it can be tricky for us to ensure that each child is regularly understanding every new word they read and fully understanding the context of what they read. Support with this at home is always a real benefit to your child's progress.

We continue to encourage the use of Mathematics to help practice key concepts and arithmetic. Also a reminder of 'hit the button' - a maths game which is very popular, and helps consolidate multiplication facts. This can also be played at home and doesn't require a password. This term we shall be focusing on each times table per week, which I hope will help to consolidate familiarity of each times table sequence, and develop confidence when applying skills to maths problems. It may be beneficial to your child to help consolidate times tables skills at home.

This term we have been very fortunate to receive a course of ten violin lessons as a whole class. Even myself and Mrs Batchelor have been given the opportunity to pick up a violin and play, which was very exciting. It has been quite amazing to see thirty children in class holding a violin and learning in unison! The children have already begun reading notes and tempo from a musical score, and will hopefully perform a piece at the end of term.

Whilst Mrs Derosa continues to take the children swimming on Fridays, I will be teaching striking and fielding skills on Mondays up until half term.

I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming parents evening in February, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries beforehand.

Kind regards,

Georgina Saddington