

Monday 24th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a restful summer and managed to enjoy some quality family time together. It has been lovely to see these two year groups bonding back together again and also getting to know the newer children over the past couple of weeks. I am proud to say that we have a particularly wonderful cohort this year who are already enjoying the new responsibilities that come with being the *Top Class!*

Topic

This term's topic is 'Home Sweet Home' and so we will be learning all about the fascinating history of Uley's woollen trade. The children will be exploring a range of different sources and from these, unpicking clues about the past. As well as next week's mill trip, we will also be searching for clues of mill life around the village later in the term. Please see the attached coverage map to discover what we'll be covering across the curriculum.

Timetable

As always, variations in the timetable should be expected from time to time, however the proposed weekly plan can be found below. Please note that the children's PE day should be taking place every Tuesday afternoon and Swimming will be every Friday afternoon. Children are required to have a full PE kit in school at all times though, in case the timetable changes, and this should include: black shorts, red t-shirt, white socks, outdoor shoes/indoor daps, red fleece for cold weather.

Class Organisation

I will be teaching Class 4 from Monday – Thursday and Mrs Delrosa will be teaching them every Friday. Mrs Pugh will be supporting the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and then Mrs Dance will then be continuing this support from Wednesday – Fridays. Our two TAs will be working across the class during the mornings, supporting groups and individuals as required. They will then be running intervention groups during the afternoons, to provide extra support for those children needing it.

SATs and Supporting your child

Understandably, there may be some anxiety felt about this year but please rest assured that you will be given full information about the SATs procedures and ways in which you can help your child nearer the time. In the meantime, supporting your child with their homework and encouraging them to complete activities to a high standard would be much appreciated – please find this term's homework sheet attached. Children still benefit from reading daily with an adult and having an opportunity to discuss the text and their viewpoints. Support with times tables, weekly spelling lists (which have started today!) and high frequency words is also highly valuable for your child. Please don't forget that Mathletics is also available as a home-learning tool.

I look forward to meeting with you all at Parents' Evening later this term, but in the meantime if you have any worries, questions or just need a quick chat, please don't hesitate to approach me. I look forward to supporting your child this year and working with you to help them be the very best that they can be.

Kind regards,

Hannah Saunders
Class 4 Teacher