

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of our Summer Term. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Our theme this term is '**Fighting Fit**'.

We will be covering a variety of work related to the following curriculum areas:

Maths: We will be following the National Curriculum in line with our calculation policy. Throughout the term the children will be applying and consolidating skills and developing mathematical fluency in the following areas:

Number: Number and Place Value
Number: Addition and Subtraction
Number: Multiplication and Division
Number: Fractions
Measurements
Geometry: Properties of shape
Geometry: Position and Direction
Statistics

English: This term we are going to be exploring stories by a significant author named Emily Gravett. We will be using these books as a stimulus to write postcards and letter writing based on "Meerkat mail". We will be reading and discussing different pattern poems linked to our senses. We will also study information writing looking at travel instructions to different places in the world and recipes linked to our design and technology project this term. In addition to this children will be completing work on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar within every day lessons.

Science: This term we will be exploring "Ourselves." Children will be looking at how we grow and change and what it means to be healthy. We will be looking at the human body and thinking about naming parts and functions as well as looking at changes. We will be exploring the 5 senses and be aware of how to keep fit and healthy. Children will also explore the science curriculum at weekly forest school sessions.

Computing: The children will have experience of using a range of computer programs within Purple Mash. They will explore programs including word processor linking to email, drawing packages and databases. They will have regular use of our laptops and iPads to support learning across the curriculum. They will also be using internet search engines to support research on Africa.

Geography: We will be exploring Africa and the Kalahari Desert as our contrasting location this year as we are reading books all about African animals and exotic fruits. The children will look at the countries, cultures and traditions as well as focusing on geographical features. Children will gain knowledge and understanding of the place and have the chance to name and identify the continents of the world. We will be using maps, globes and information sources to find out about the different countries around the world.

Design & Technology: We will be learning about healthy food and life styles linked to ourselves. We will be thinking about what is needed to stay healthy and what makes a balanced diet. We will be tasting, designing, making and evaluating a delicious fruit salad linked to Africa based on the story of "Handa's Surprise."

History: Towards the end of the summer term children will be learning about the "Battle of Shrewsbury". We will look at the history surrounding the battle and what it was like for the soldiers involved. We will form a link with the battlefield site which will link to map work in Geography, as well as

keeping healthy in Science. To contribute to our History, we are hoping to take the children to the "Battlefield Experience" where the Battle of Shrewsbury took place. (details to follow).

Art: Children will be looking at "On The Move." They will explore how to draw a still image and then show it moving through a series of drawings. The children will create their own artwork, inspired by the animals found in Africa. The children will work independently and in groups to build up moving compositions of African animals.

PE: Please ensure the children have an indoor PE kit and one that is appropriate for outside. We will continue with Games, Gymnastics and Dance this term Ms. Perks, will be running the outdoor P.E. lessons each week for all classes. Please note that as the weather gets warmer many of the sessions will take place outside (this maybe an opportunity to check PE shoes still fit). Children will also be preparing for their sports day (details to follow).

Clun: Monday (indoor) Wednesday (outdoor)
Long Mynd Tuesday (indoor) Wednesday (outdoor)
Wrekin: Monday (indoor) Wednesday (outdoor)

PSHE: The children will be reflecting on a variety of issues throughout the term based on themes such as: Living in the wider world and contributing to the classroom. We will also be looking at road, river and rail safety leading up to the Summer holidays. In addition we have a Value focus for each half term which is Compassion and Gentleness.

RE: The children will be looking at "What Is The Good News That Jesus Brings" exploring stories taken from the Bible that illustrates why Jesus is a good role model to Christians. We will also be studying "What is faith and what difference does it make?"

Reading: The children will explore a number of reading activities on a daily basis. The children have been encouraged to choose and change their own reading books when necessary from the appropriate colour-banded box. Thank you again for all your support in listening to your child read at home, we appreciate all the comments in their reading diaries. Year 1 children will have a Phonics Screening Check in June - so please revise and check key sounds whilst reading.

Homework: Weekly spellings and Activities will be sent home on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Thursday. A spelling test will take place on a Friday.

During this term, towards the end of May, Year 2 pupils will be assessed through tasks and tests as part of our ongoing work in the classroom. Together with the teachers assessment of their classwork, a standards judgment will be given for their attainment in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science. Parents will be informed of these "End of Key Stage Assessments" when you receive pupil reports towards the end of the Summer Term. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

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