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Red Class Routines - Summer 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We are once again fortunate to have Mrs Peacock and Mrs Stamp working alongside us every day this term. Mrs Peacock supports the children every morning and Mrs Stamp continues this role in the afternoon lessons. Our topic for this term is ~ 'Healthy body; Healthy mind'. To launch this topic, we enjoyed a 'healthy big breakfast'. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about many things related to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including: eating a balanced diet and understanding how the different food groups contribute to this; understanding how food chains are formed; knowing how our digestion system works; understanding the importance of exercise; looking after ourselves online; knowing that some substances can harm us - all medicines are drugs: not all drugs are medicines; learning about mindfulness and how positive thinking can affect our ability to achieve and flourish. Please join us at Sports Day (Thursday 25th May) to celebrate our topic landing.

Next half term, our topic is ~ 'Bon Voyage!' We will focus on France and all aspects of the country, including: the language; the geography of France related to other European countries; how important festivals are celebrated; similarities and differences between a French Primary school and an English Primary school. Red Class will be organising a French café towards the end of term so please check the school diary for confirmation of this very important event. The children will be using their French language skills to order and serve food to the customers. They will also entertain visitors with a selection of French songs they have learned.

We welcome Miss Bartle to Red Class this term; she is very excited about the next few weeks. Miss Bartle is completing a SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) placement and will be with us until July 6th. We will be sharing the teaching of Red Class during her placement so please feel free to come and meet her when you get the chance.

As always, the main means of communication is the homework diary. Please ensure that this comes to school every day. Each Monday, we write in the learning for the week and add any key events that are occurring in school. We expect the children to read every night; this can be a book from home or school. Each child will be issued with a school reading book. The title of each book and the date it's changed are recorded in the child's individual reading record which is kept in class.



Please ask if you would like us to provide written information in a more helpful language or format e.g. large print.

We continue to use the Read Write Inc Spelling programme in school and each week we focus on a different spelling rule or a range of tricky words that are not phonetical and have to be learned using other skills. The children are encouraged to practise mental maths regularly at home as well as in school. Our Journey into Space display in class shows the set of objectives your child is working on (each has a planet name) and these are available in your child's homework diary and on our website on the Mathematics page under Curriculum. Activities to support your child with their mental maths can be found on the Mangahigh website (www.mangahigh.com) Each child has been given their individual user name and password in order to log on to the site. I also encourage the children to visit the BBC Bitesize website quite regularly. This site also has lots of games and activities which will help the children consolidate their learning in English, Maths and Science. The address is as follows: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>. Research and various other activities relating to our topic work may also be sent home. We do appreciate your help in supporting our homework policy (please see details on the school website). Extra practise/work at home really does help progress and consolidation of learning.

Our usual PE days this term are Mondays and Fridays but please keep PE kit in school all week as these may change. Forest school will continue on Friday mornings until half term and then the children will be fine-tuning their skills in 'Rounders', ready for the Y5/6 competition! The other PE session this half term is Cricket and next term, we will be doing athletics.

Please will you check that your child has a change of shoes for indoors as there are quite a few children walking around the premises 'shoeless!'. This is serious health and safety matter, therefore I appreciate your help with this.

We look forward to seeing you at our open evening on Wednesday 24th May and on Sports Day on Thursday 25th May. In the meantime, if you do have any queries write a message in the homework diary; e-mail the office or catch one of us in the playground before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Parker, Mrs Peacock and Mrs Stamp,
Assistant headteacher, HLTA and TA



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