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LKST2 Phase Newsletter January 2025

Welcome to the Spring term!

I know right now it does not feel like Spring, but the mornings and evenings are slowly getting lighter and soon Spring will be sprung!

Topics

Year 3 will be learning all about the Stone Age and reading the Stone Age Boy. Children will be creating their own piece of stone age artwork by using historical references. In Science children will be learning about humans including animals looking at skeletons and diet. Keep your eyes on emails for a Stone Age Wow Day coming soon!

Year 4 will be exploring all things 'Extreme Earth'. Learning about volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis and how these extreme events effect people from around the world. Keep your eyes on your emails as we will be inviting you in to see their finished work by the end of Spring 2. In Science, children will be moving onto States of Matter and will be exploring solids, liquids and gases including the water cycle.

PE

In Year 3 our PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

In Year 4 our PE days will be Monday (swimming) and Thursday (PE with Mr O'Leary)

Children are continuing their learning of different core skills through a range of sports. Children are expected to come into school in their full PE kit on PE days. This consists of; black or navy-blue leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, an AVA PE top, an AVA hoodie or their normal school jumper/cardigan and trainers.

Please remember that the weather can be very varied at this time of year, so please make sure children are equipped for both lessons inside and outside with rain jackets if needed.

Swimming for Year 4 continues with Eagles. Falcons are still waiting.

Homework

New Homework grids will be given to your child for their new topics and science. Please allow children to complete one task each week alongside any times table practice and reading at least 4 times a week. We encourage children to present their homework neatly yet imaginatively; they can make models, posters, storybooks, videos, presentations it does not have to just be writing in their homework book.

Reading

Reading is an important skill that is needed across the curriculum, and we expect children to be reading regularly at home. We want children to enjoy a wide range of books so encourage them to read

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books of interest at home alongside their coloured band book which we send home. Please listen to your child read whenever you can (we suggest 4 times a week) and sign their reading record.

Snack

In LKS2 children can bring in **fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar (no chocolate or nuts)** to have at break time. Children are not provided a snack at break in Key Stage 2, so will need to bring in their own.

Uniform and Belongings

Please make sure your child's uniform and belongings are name labelled in some way. If a child misplaces their jumper, scarf, lunchbox, whatever it may be, we are more likely to be able to find that belonging if it ends up in lost property or left on the playground

Water bottles

We encourage children to bring in a water bottle to have in the classroom. These should be named and should just contain water not juice/ squash.

NO Nuts or Sesame

Please be aware that we are a nut free school. This means NO NUTS, SESAME OR NUT/SESAME PRODUCTS should be brought into school. We have staff and children in the school who will need hospital attention if they come into contact with nuts, sesame or nut/sesame products such as peanut butter, chocolate spread, hummus etc. We really appreciate your help in keeping everybody safe.

We hope you had a wonderful start to the new year and look forward sharing your child's learning with you across the Spring term.

If you have any questions, please contact myself, your child's teacher or the office for support.

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