

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term offers us opportunities to delve into further new and exciting topics of learning, as well as retrieving the learning we have already looked at. If you do have any questions or concerns, or would like ideas of how best to support your child at home, then please do email us via office@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk or through the Google Classroom.

Topic

In Science this first half term we are studying Materials and Matter. We will be considering how a material's properties help us to choose the right one that fits a particular purpose. In art we are focussing on paintings that show stories from mythology and in geography we are looking at countries further afield under the topic of Northern Europe.

In the second half term we will be studying astronomy- the phases of the moon, how light and dark occurs and the names of planets in our solar system. Our art focus will be Tapestries and Murals and we will debate the effect of Powerful Voices such as Gandhi, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King as our History topic.

Maths

In Maths we will continue the work around the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning, completing work from the Power Maths scheme. In Year 1 there continues to be lots of emphasis on practising and solidifying number systems and sense through the use of a range of manipulatives available to the children including things such as part-whole models, tens frames, counters, number lines, rekenrek and bead strings, whilst year 2 will be perfecting using written 'workings out' and number facts (e.g Times Tables) to support them to solve maths problems.

English

We will start the term with story writing focussing on Journey Tales, based on Oliver Jeffers' 'Lost and Found'. Our focus will be on descriptive writing through tools such as adjectives, adverbs, alliteration and good word choices. We continue to learn our model text through Talk for Writing which allows us to learn the template of a text and then invent our own to fit this. We will also be studying how to write clear instructions on how to look after an animal and practising the delivery of performance poetry.

PE

PE this term will continue to be on Mondays with a focus on developing fundamental movement skills with lots of practise in preparation for Sports Day. Forest Schools will continue on Tuesday afternoons. Can all clothing for each of these activities be named clearly to avoid losses.

Homework

Reading x3 or more times a week is the expectation for Year 1 and 2 pupils. Library books continue to be changed on a Thursday. The Little Wandle books are changed only after your child has read them x3 times at home and can be

swapped on either a Monday or Thursday. The more your child reads the more entries into our Reading Raffle Scheme they get with prizes up for grabs each half term. There will also be a record of tricky words your child can read and spell added to the back of the diary. This is for staff only to mark. Spellings will be sent home each week on a Friday to be practised at home and then tested the following week on the Friday. They will be called out of order to ensure they have learnt each word accurately.

Lastly- please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle each day filled with fresh water. We offer fruit as a snack each day at break time but if they wish to bring in their own **healthy** snack please do (no chocs or crisps please).

Thank you fro your continued support and we look forward to a good Summer term.

Mrs Beckett, Mrs Shipley and Mrs Payne.