



Dear parents, carers and children of Central Class,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I hope that you have had a restful summer with the chance to spend more time together as families and the children are ready for a new year of learning. This year, Central Class will have the benefit of Mrs Wilson's experience as class TA and Mrs Osborne will be taking the class for Art and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) on Monday afternoons.

Routines

Homework will be assigned and due in on Fridays. It will relate closely to the learning which has been covered in class that week so it is best done at the weekend whilst the content is fresh in the children's memories. I will attach answers to the weekly dojo post to make it easier for you to help. Homework should only take around 20 minutes each week, if there are any difficulties with it then 20 minutes of good effort is as good as completing it in my eyes.

Spellings will also be given out on Fridays and spelling test will be done on Friday mornings. Resources will be included in the homework folders to help you to practice these at home. They will also be in the weekly dojo post.

Reading records should be brought into school every day. Please ensure that it is updated regularly with the pages the child has read, this helps us to monitor their progress and encourages a consistent reading habit.

Curriculum

This term we have a rich curriculum planned which will engage and challenge the children across all subjects. In English, we are starting by reading "The Last Bear" by Hannah Gold. The children will be using the text to create poetry and develop their narrative and diary writing skills. In geography, our focus will be on "Biomes and Plants" where children will learn about different biomes, the types of plants found in each and how plants adapt to survive in extreme environments. In science, we will explore how living things are classified, understand food chains and discuss how environmental changes impact ecosystems. In RE, we will be delving into Hinduism, exploring topics such as the Trimurti and the concepts of karma and dharma. In PSHE with Mrs Osborne, the children will be exploring themes around their emotional wellbeing,

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including friendship skills and conflict management. In art, also led by Mrs Osborne, lesson will focus on Vincent Van Gogh, the children will his techniques and replicate some of him most famous paintings. In computing, we will cover "Connecting Computers" where the children will learn about digital devices, how they are communicate and the infrastructure which connects them. Finally in PE, our sessions are gong to be focussed on throwing, catching, striking and fielding skills. We will be looking at the roles of teamwork and strategy in sports.

I'd like to finish off by emphasising the importance of reading for children. I am frequently asked by parents what they can do to help their children achieve in school and the answer is always reading with your child. Regular one to one reading is the easiest way to have the highest impact on a child's learning and development. Time invested in reading with your child will have a profound effect on their academic success and future opportunities.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch via class dojo.

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