



Hyde Newsletter for Spring Term 1

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and has been able to spend some time celebrating with family and friends. We have a busy and exciting term full of learning lined up which I am looking forward to getting stuck into.

Routines

Just a quick reminder of the weekly routines in Hyde. **Homework** will be set and due on Fridays, it will be based upon the learning that has happened that week so it is ideally done in the first few days when it is fresh in the children's minds. I am more than happy to talk to children about problems they are having with homework before it is due. A part of the homework will be optional and for those who are the most confident with that particular topic. I do not expect every child to complete this part of the homework every week.

Spelling tests will take place on Fridays, they can be found on dojo and many of the children are also sticking the spellings in their reading diaries. Children receive time during the week to practice these in school but they will do even better if practice is repeated at home during the week. **Swimming** practice will be taking place every Wednesday, the last date for swimming will be 23rd February, the first week of the next term. **Reading** diaries are checked daily and we are seeing the most progress with reading from the children who are reading a small amount at home every day. Reading intervention sessions are continuing to take place this term for those who are reading behind their age level.

Learning

We are switching from Geography to **History** this term with the topic 'Pilgrim Fathers'. We will be studying the Mayflower story and the founding of Boston, Massachusetts in the New World. The text we will be studying and basing our **writing** on this term is a beautiful book called 'The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower' by P.J.Lynch. In **Design Technology**, Mrs Osborn will be showing the class designs of sailing ships and then the children will be designing and creating one of their own. We will be continuing with the 3D modelling and CAD/CAM work we started in **computing** last term and then we will be starting to learn the programming skills that will enable us to program microbit controllers next term. In **science** we are going to be studying forces, levers and gears. We will also be conducting investigations into air resistance and gravity.

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PE

PE lessons are still on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. This term's topic is Gymnastics and lessons will be taking place indoors. The PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and trainers. Please note that earrings cannot be worn for PE and long hair must be tied back.

Mr Terjung, Mrs Osborne and Mrs Wilson.

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