



Term 3

Chaffinch Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope that you had a pleasant and well rested festive break, the children have certainly returned to school recharged and raring to go for term 3.

Thank you to all that supported Chaffinch class by watching our Christmas production and helping with costumes. I am sure you will agree it was a huge success. The Children certainly did us all proud with their dedication to learning lines and their natural acting ability; there are some future stars among us for sure!

This term, our learning is focused around our class book 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. This book is a World War 2 evacuee story and will draw on our prior WW2 learning and will link to our science topic of light and electricity. As a class we are going to look at the importance of both electricity and light during World War 2, focusing on the Blitz, the Blackout, the technology used and how the world changed throughout the battle. Towards the end of the term we will be developing our science topic towards light in space in preparation for the visit of the 'Astronomy Roadshow' in the penultimate week of term (Thursday 25th January). We will also be making our own lighthouses this term in Design Technology, so if you could store any kitchen roll cardboard/pringle tubes (or similar) that you use for later in the term this would be greatly appreciated.

With much of our learning geared towards SATs preparation, please can I ask that you work with your child on their spellings, reading and times tables, this will get them into great habits and really support the work we are doing in class.

A brilliant interactive website for the majority of the topics we cover in maths is:

www.mathsframe.co.uk

Please do find me if you need ideas or other available websites that will support your child's progress. Once again I thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr Moore

Key information

Monday: Home reading books and reading records are sent home on Mondays (they are kept in protective plastic wallets). Please try to hear your child read this book during the week and feel welcome to leave a comment! These must be sent back in on Fridays, and we will change/update them.

Tuesday: PE (Oaks Primary Academy PE kit to be named/labelled clearly please).

Thursday: Swimming. Can you ensure your child brings a towel and their swimming costume to school. If your child wishes to bring in a deodorant following swimming or PE, please make sure this is a roll on rather than an aerosol.

Friday: Spellings will be tested, children are expected to score highly. Brain Builders (orange homework books) will be sent home on Fridays. The instructions are stuck in the book to follow. There is a piece of written homework and a maths challenge each week. Brain Builder homework is due back into school on

Wednesdays.

Tuesday 30th January - 'Wasted' Drugs awareness session in school.