



St Kenelm's School



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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and that your child is looking forward to this year in Charterville Class. It has been lovely to see all the children back in school and we are looking forward to a wonderful start to the new school year.

This term our topic is called 'Amazon Adventures', which takes the children on a journey to the South America. We will be learning about rainforests and looking at animals including humans. We are also planning a trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park where we will take part in their 'Rainforest Homes' talk which focuses on how plants and animals have adapted to living in a rainforest environment and how we can help reduce deforestation.

Snacks and Lunches

Just a reminder that in Key Stage 2, children are not provided with fruit at break time and they need to pay for school dinners unless you are free school meals (£2.90 per day). Please ensure all dinner money is in on a Monday ready for the week or you can pay half termly. If you have questions or queries, please contact the school office.

Spelling

Each week the children will have focus spellings. These will be sent home at the start of each term so you are aware of the spellings children will be learning. Our focus spellings will help the children to build on the strong phonics foundations they developed in Key Stage 1. We will be learning these spellings in school in a variety of engaging ways, including games, writing activities and regular practice, so that children can confidently apply them in their reading and writing. By exploring spelling patterns, rules and tricky words, the children will continue to develop their accuracy and fluency, supporting their progress across the curriculum.

PE

PE lessons take place on a Wednesday for this half term. Please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit and outdoor trainers in school for their PE lesson. Children should not wear earrings during PE lessons, so please ensure your child does not wear earrings on PE days. Children with longer hair should also ensure that it is fully tied back for PE lessons. **Children will also need outside shoes for playtimes, these can be their PE trainers. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed ready for the following term.**



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Forest School

Charterville will be taking part in forest school on a Friday afternoon for this half term. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their school uniform and bring with them their forest school kit in a named bag,

Homework

A Maths and an English homework will be set each Wednesday; this will come home in a homework folder. Please follow the instructions carefully and send homework back in on a Monday. The homework will consolidate the work covered in Maths and English. Children are encouraged to complete the homework on time.

Daily reading of between 10 – 20 minutes continues to be part of the weekly homework. Please encourage your child to read at home each day and where possible find opportunities to share books or discuss books that you are reading together. Please can you write into your child's reading record when they have read and we will tick their reading record the following morning during our Guided Reading sessions. Children can select books independently.

Times tables

Each week, the children will focus on their times tables. They will then be tested on the Friday. Please practise these at home with your children. You could also use online games such as hit the button or multiplication bingo. Please see the links on our Google Classroom page.

Website

Our school website is full of amazing resources and information. Please take a look at our class pages and keep an eye out for updates!

Thank you for your continued support. If you need anything, please don't hesitate in contacting us.

Miss Osborne

Charterville Class Teacher



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