

Juniper Newsletter Spring Two

Hello and welcome back to Akroydon Primary Academy and the second spring term.

We have lots of interesting topics to cover in the coming half term.

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, pupils are going to be writing their own story based around an imaginary world. We are going to be using a number of books to support us, including Harry Potter, the Narnia Chronicles, Wizard of Oz and The Tunnel as well as the Hobbit, which we will be reading as our class book this half term.

When we are writing our stories we are going to be focusing on descriptions and different types of descriptive phrases such as expanded noun phrases, similes and fronted adverbials.

In addition to this, we will be putting together a persuasive leaflet encouraging people to visit the imaginary worlds that we created for the stories.

You can continue to help your child with their learning by discussing what they have studied during the day's lesson, by encouraging them to read every night and by listening to them read whenever possible. If they read for at least 10 minutes and bring their record in signed they will get a point on the reading reward scheme. Congratulations to those who earned reading rewards such as having time on the iPads, on the laptops and spending time in our Reception class.

Key vocabulary:

Persuasive leaflet - a leaflet produced to encourage or support a certain point, e.g. holiday brochure.

Mathematics

As you are aware, so far this year the children have been working on objective based around:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Geometry (Shape and Space)

Over the rest of the year, they will be covering objectives based around the following areas:

- Fractions and Decimals
- Measurement
- Statistics (Data Handling)

During this half term the pupils are going to be continuing their work investigating fractions, what they are, adding and subtracting fractions and fractions greater than 1. Towards the end of the half term we will also be starting to explore decimals and how they relate to fractions.

Key vocabulary:

proper fractions, improper fractions, equivalent fractions, denominator, numerator, mixed number, half, quarters, tenths, thirds



SCIENCE

This half term Year 4 will be investigating sound. We will be exploring how sound is made and how it travels. We will also be carrying out some experiments to see if we can find a pattern between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it and between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations.

Key Vocabulary:

sound, wave, pattern, pitch, vibrations, travels, volume, stronger, fainter





Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We are continuing our weekly swimming lessons at Halifax Swimming Pool in conjunction with the other year 4 class. In our other weekly P.E lesson, we will be starting to learn the skills involved with playing Tag Rugby.

RE - We will be thinking about the different religions and where they are centred in the world.

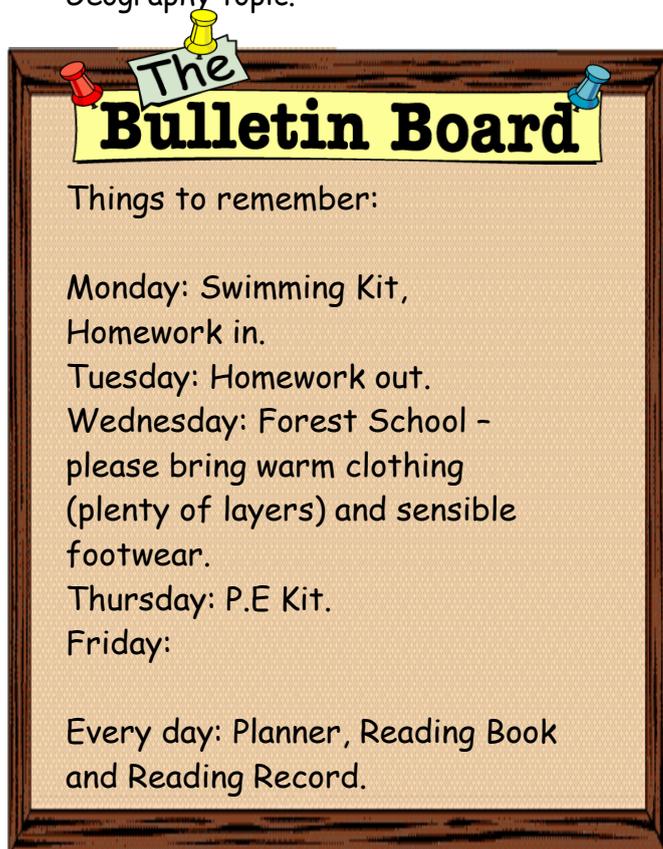
PSHE- We will be looking at different cultures and people from around the world.

Geography - We will be locating the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe and North and South America, as well as exploring what is meant by latitude and longitude.

Music - We will be continuing to learn different songs and singing these during the singing assembly every week.

Art - We are going to be looking at Andy Warhol, some examples of his work and creating our own piece of PopArt.

Computing - We will be creating a PowerPoint about a different country, linked to our Geography topic.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Monday: Swimming Kit,
Homework in.

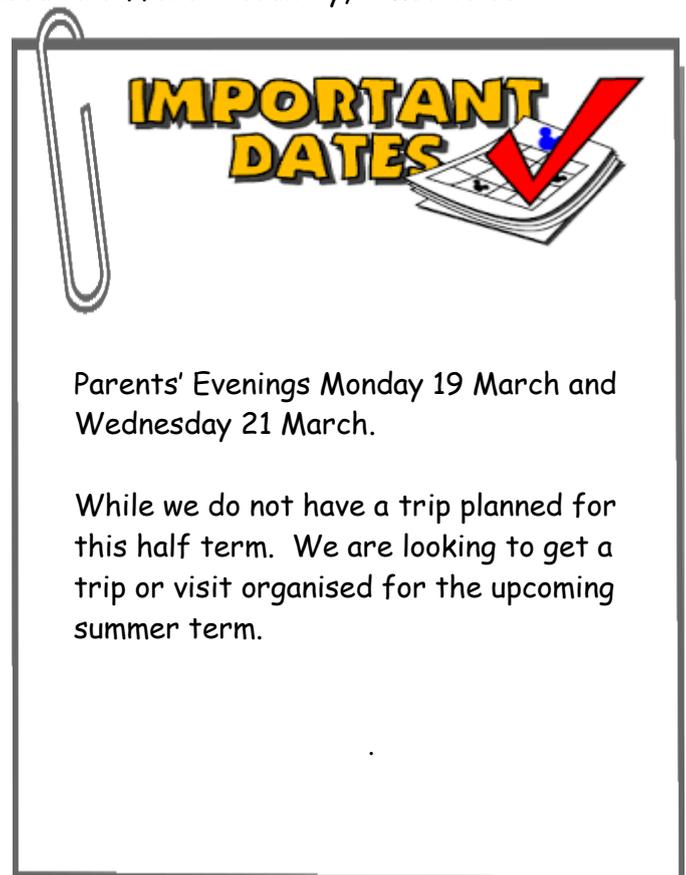
Tuesday: Homework out.

Wednesday: Forest School -
please bring warm clothing
(plenty of layers) and sensible
footwear.

Thursday: P.E Kit.

Friday:

Every day: Planner, Reading Book
and Reading Record.



IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' Evenings Monday 19 March and
Wednesday 21 March.

While we do not have a trip planned for
this half term. We are looking to get a
trip or visit organised for the upcoming
summer term.

Maths - <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

<https://trockstars.com/login>

English - <https://www.literacyshed.com/>

E-Safety - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Topic - <http://www.ducksters.com/science/sound101.php>

