Through our christian values – friendship, compassion and trust – we encourage, build and hope together, no one left behind

6th November 2017

Dear parents and carers,

And so we begin the busy run up to Christmas. We have lots of exciting things going on so please look for these on school newsletters which come out weekly on a Monday. If you are not receiving them please let the school office know.

The Christian value this half term is truthfulness.

Topic

This half term, our topic will be 'Toys' and as much of our learning will be themed around this as possible. In English we will write instructions for how to play with our favourite toys, write stories about a toy that comes to life and use our writing skills to compare old and new toys. In Maths, Year 1 will continue to work on addition and subtraction, then moving on to geometry and shape whilst Year 2 will work on multiplication and division, moving onto geometry and shape too. As much of this as possible will be linked to our topic. Science will focus upon materials and their properties.

We will learn about and compare toys of the past with toys of today, learning about how life was different for children in different periods of history. We will also use our art and DT skills to design and make toys, as well as creating pieces of art themed around toys. Our music lessons will features us singing songs about toys and also us replicating the sounds of different toys. In computing we will work with programmable toys.

In RE we will continue to discuss the theme of what makes us special, alongside our Christian value of truthfulness.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Monday, to be returned the following Monday, and will alternate between maths and English. There will be a homework club each Friday lunch in which children can spend time with a teacher to complete their homework, if they are stuck or do not have time at home. Homework will usually be split into ALL, MOST and EXPERTS sections, increasing in difficulty, in order to challenge all children to push themselves, however they need only go as far as you/they feel they are able.

Spellings

Spellings will also be given out on a Monday and will be tested again the following Monday. The spellings will be chosen to be in line with the expectations for your child's year group or will be taken from the phonics phase they are currently working on.

PE

The children will continue to have two PE sessions a week, an indoor session with myself on a Tuesday and an outdoor session (for as long as the weather allows) with the Tigers Trust on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit with them all week, including trainers and warmer clothing should it be cold outside. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them in school. Please also ensure that all clothing sent in, is named, we are building quite a collection of lost property!

They will continue to have Forest School lessons on a Thursday afternoon.

Reading

There will be a reading chart in the classroom which the children will be aware of, this will track the frequency of their reading and reward them as they reach milestones. This is to encourage all children to read regularly and to enjoy it, regardless of their current reading ability, in the hope that they will then develop their reading skills as a result.

The children all have a Bug Books account on which they can read books chosen for them, online, and earn rewards to play games etc. To access, log on to https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0 with the children's username (their first initial and surname, with no capitals) and their password (their year group, no spaces or capitals). The school code is spro.

If you have any questions or queries at all please don't hesitate to make an appointment to come and see me or phone the school. Thank you.

Miss Uney
Class teacher

Dates for the diary

Monday 6th November – anti bullying week
Monday 13th November – multi faith week
Friday 17th November school closed for training day
Wednesday 22nd November book fair in school
Friday 24th November parents assembly 2.30pm
Monday 27th November parents meeting 5pm regarding reading and expectations
Monday 4th and 5th December FOSSA secret shop – information to follow
Monday 4th December Christingle in church at 5.15pm followed by Sproatley light switch on
Thursday 14th December – whole school theatre trip
Friday 15th December community Christmas plays time tbc
Friday 15th December year 4 5 6 christmas play 2pm
Monday 18th December EYFS and Year 1 2 3 christmas play 2pm
Tuesday 19th December year 4 5 6 christmas play 2pm
Wednesday 20th December EYFS and Year 1 2 3 christmas play 9.30am
Wednesday 20th December year 4 5 6 christmas parties
Thursday 21st December EYFS year 1 2 3 christmas parties
Friday 22nd December coffee and carols 2pm school closes
Children return to school Monday 8th January 2018