



HAPPY NEW YEAR PARROTS!

Term 3 2024

Newsletter

Important Dates:

End of Term 3:

Thursday 9th
February

Start of Term 4:

Monday 19th
February

End of Term 4:

Thursday 28th
March

Welcome back to term 3! We hope you have all had a wonderful festive break together and some much needed family time. Parrots had been working so hard before the Christmas holidays so had earned a break and time to recharge! The new year brings lots more learning and exciting opportunities for children in Parrots. Mr Weaver is with the class for term 3, along with Miss Marsh, Mr Bebell and Mrs Tamang. The children are coping very well with the changes in school but if you feel they are struggling, please let us know and we can discuss any concerns together. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to talk with one of us after school. Many thanks.



This term's topic for the school is 'Maps'.

This term, in Geography, we will recap the difference between human and physical features of an environment. Parrots will become familiar with the 4 key points on a compass and also have the opportunity to draw maps of their school environment using the skills learnt.

In English, we are basing our writing around a book called 'The Hedgehog' by Dick King Smith. This book is about a hedgehog called Max, who wants to go on an adventure to the other side of the road from where he lives, but, it is fraught with danger! We will continue to embed the Year 2 non-negotiables of capital letters and full stops, nouns, adjectives and conjunctions in sentences, as well as teaching children how to use apostrophes for contractions (e.g. doesn't, it's, I'm) and commas for lists within a sentence.

In Maths, we will continue with our learning on subtraction where exchanging is needed before moving on to look at money and shape. If you have any loose change at home, it would be really helpful to support your child by ensuring they can recognise all the coins and know how much each is worth. This will ensure they can access work on adding coins, making totals and finding change.

We are very lucky to still have Mr. Powling delivering wonderful music lessons for the children. We are also lucky to have coaches from Team Theme delivering our PE lessons and Mrs Rogers delivering the computing curriculum.

Seesaw

It is good to see so many of you on Seesaw. Please don't forget that you can comment on your child's work. If you are still not accessing Seesaw please come and let us know.



Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set on Friday on Seesaw. The children will have the same expectations weekly which are:

- Daily doodle maths for 10 minutes or more
- Daily Spelling Shed for 10 minutes or more, and
- A written piece which will mirror the learning in class for the week.

Books will be given for the written work and we would like these to come back by Tuesday so that they can be looked at by a member of staff. Thank you.

Reading

We have worked hard in the first two terms to embed a routine with reading and the changing of books and quizzing if on AR! The children get their books changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They get given two books which is enough to get them through to the next time the books are changed. Books need to be in school **every day** and the children are encouraged to be a little more independent in getting them out of their bags. We will continue to remind them in the mornings to do this. Please ensure that your child has their reading folder in their bookbag each day before coming to school.

Parrots will have PE on Fridays. Please remember to send your child to school in their Phoenix PE kit on this day. This includes their school jumper. Please make sure all clothes that come to school are named.

