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# Grasshopper Class

Spring term 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year, with plenty of time to rest and unwind. We have had an exciting start to the new year with a new classroom! I have been so impressed with the way that the children have managed the move, and the way they have been so proud and enthusiastic about our new space.

During the spring term we will be looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Scots, thinking about what life was like during those times, and comparing it to life in modern time. After half term we will be completing an author study, focusing on Roald Dahl. On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January we will be going on our annual trip to London, this time the Science Museum to investigate forces and magnets and consolidate our learning on rocks and fossils. More information about this will follow. P.E. days will be *Thursday* afternoons. Forest School will be on Friday afternoons. Please come dressed in your *named* PE kits on Thursday ONLY. Please also come dressed in suitable Forest School attire on Fridays. This time of year can be very wet and cold in the woods, so children are expected to wear warm, thick clothes and bring enough layers to put on if needed. Long and warm tops and trousers along with waterproof coats and waterproof trousers to go over the top. Thick socks and a spare pair of socks is also important.

## **HOMEWORK:**

**Reading:** Please read with your child every day. We expect children to read for 15 minutes each day and we will plan to change the books when they are finished. Please also discuss the book with your child, as it is important that they can answer questions on the texts as well as expression opinions, using the information they have read to back these up. Ideally, we ask that you make a note of their responses in their reading record book after each discussion. Question prompt sheets to support this are in the front or reading record books.

**Maths:** Weekly maths homework which links to the current learning will be sent home on Fridays and is due in on Friday the following week. In addition, please support your children learning: *Number bonds*- Children need to learn their number bonds to 10 and 20, making sure they have quick recall of these. For example, what do you add to 7 to make 10. Once they know these to 10 they can move on to number bonds to 20. *Times tables:* Year 2 focus on 2,5,10 and 3 times tables with quick recall. Year 3 work through 2,5,10,3,4,6 and 8 times tables with quick recall. Once they are fluent in their times tables, they can begin to look at the inverse (divide) for these number facts.

**Spellings:** Appropriate spelling lists will be sent home once a week on Fridays and the children will be assessed on a weekly basis the following Friday. Children will also be taught / practise spellings in school alongside practise at home.

**Homework grid:** You will also have received a homework grid. Children need to choose 2 tasks from the grid to complete this half term. These should be handed in to myself or Mrs Irvine once completed and will be shared with the rest of the class.

**Water bottles –** Please could you ensure your child has a named clear water bottle in school. There are spare bottles in school if you are unable to provide one, please let me know if you require one. All school items should be named, and children should be sent in each day with the correct uniform: a school jumper, warm coat, hat and gloves. It is also important that all children have suitable wellies in school every day. These can

be kept at school for the duration of the term. If you have any questions or concerns about the year ahead, please feel free to get in touch via email or in person.

Yours sincerely,

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