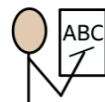


Attenborough Class Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely holiday and made the most of the warm weather. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming year and we have some great things to look forward to.

General information:

Drop off / collection 	Gates will be open in the morning between 8.35 and 8.45 for drop off to classrooms. Gates will reopen in the afternoon at 3.10 for a 3.15 finish. If someone other than the adults given permission on MCAS will be collecting your child, please inform the school prior to pick up time.
PE 	PE will be taking place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, this will be outdoors where possible, so please send appropriate kit. Please remember hair ties for long hair, earrings must be removed for PE. If wearing tights, please also remember to pack a pair of socks There will be some enrichment afternoons throughout the year – information about dates will be given when appropriate to our class. Information about swimming sessions in Autumn Term 2 will follow soon.
Homework 	Homework will be given out on Fridays and collected in on Wednesdays The children will receive one piece of maths and one of grammar or reading comprehension each week. If they need any help with this, please ask them to speak to their class teacher who will be happy to help.
Reading (KS2) 	The expectation is to read at home at least 3 times a week (but preferably every night) and a minimum of 50 pages per week (with some exceptions if your child struggles with reading). Please use the reading diaries for any reading completed at home. An adult must sign the reading diary (the children can write in the page numbers they have read). If you are choosing books from home, please ensure these are within your child's book band on AR (you can check books by logging on to the Accelerated Reader website). If the book level is too low, the children will not be increasing their vocabulary or comprehension skills, and if it is too high, the children will struggle to understand the writing.
Spellings 	Spellings will be given out on Fridays and tested on the following Friday. Children should practise each evening so that the spellings become embedded in their memory.

Curriculum information:

English 	The books we will be using as the stimulus for our writing this term are: 'The Call of the Wild' by Jack London and Mining by Nicholas Brasch (non-fiction).
Geography 	In geography we will be learning about minerals and mining – discovering which minerals are mined, how they are extracted and how we use them. We will also be looking at the pros and cons of renewable and non-renewable energy sources.
Science 	In science we will be learning about electricity. We will learn about the discovery of electricity, including the disagreement between Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. We will learn to create electric circuits including switches and draw circuit diagrams.
RE 	In RE we will be learning about how worldviews have changed over time. We will focus on the changes to the Christian church during the Protestant reformation and we will learn about the roles of important women at this time.

Curriculum information for all subjects is available on the school website <https://www.swineshead.lincs.sch.uk/> This includes key policies and each subject's intent. Also, how learning progresses across year groups and medium-term plans outlining the rationale of 'Why this and why now' Please visit the curriculum sections for full and up to date details.

The 11+ sessions will take place on Friday 11th (verbal reasoning) and 18th September (non-verbal reasoning) for all those registered to take the test. We are also looking forward to the PGL residential visit from 21st to 23rd September. If your child is not going on this trip, we will be planning some great activities for them, including outdoor learning about the environment and some problem-solving activities and games. They will also have the opportunity to spend an afternoon supporting the younger children in the school with their learning, an activity the children really enjoy.

If you have any questions about any aspect of your child's learning and school life, please don't hesitate to contact me via MCAS. Please remember to put my name on your message so that it can reach me more quickly.

Kind regards,

Miss Ratcliff

Miss Chandler

Mrs Chitty