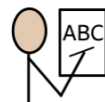


Malala Class Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Malala! We hope that you all have had a lovely summer break, and your children are looking forward to coming back to our school. Please find below all the information that you will need for this term.

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 Tuesday and Friday, 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.
Homework 	Homework will be given out on Friday and collected in on Wednesday. The children will receive English and Maths 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). Reading books will be changed when your child has taken an AR quiz on their reading book. 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 Friday and tested on the following Friday. Children should practise each evening so that they become embedded in their memory.

Curriculum information:

English 	The books we will be using as the stimulus for our writing this term are: Mountains (Non-Fiction) and The Abominables. We will be writing an explanation text and a newspaper report using these books.
Geography 	In geography we will be learning about Mountains and Deserts. We will learn about how mountains are formed, different types of mountains and deserts.
Science 	In science we will be learning about Food Chains. We will be learning about simple food chains, how energy is passed along a food chain, ecosystems, prey and predators and food webs.
RE 	In RE we will be learning about spirituality. We will be learning about what religion is, what spirituality is and how different religions express their spirituality.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lacey or Mrs Pick.

Thank you.