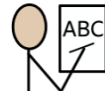


Disney Class Newsletter Autumn Term

Welcome back, and welcome to Disney Class! I'm feeling very excited about the year ahead! I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break, filled with lots of fun and hopefully feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. All the information below should answer any questions you may have, but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any further information.

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 a Monday and Thursday, 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 Thursday. The children will receive GPS, maths and spellings 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 once an AR test has been completed. 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: <i>The Abominables</i> by Eva Ibbotson and <i>Mountains</i> by Annabel Savery. We will start the year with writing an Explanation Text on 'How are Mountains Formed?'.
Geography 	In geography we will be learning about Mountains and Deserts. We will use atlases to locate UK and global mountains, identify their features, learn how mountains are formed and desert formation & life.
Science 	In science we will be learning about food chains. We will be exploring ecosystems, exploring who are the predators and prey within food chains and mapping complex food webs.
RE 	In RE we will be exploring 'Does creativity matter in religious worldviews?', with a strong focus on music through different religions.

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.

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