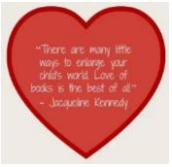
Earth Class 9th September 2026

Dear parents and carers of the children in Earth Class,

Welcome to one and all. I hope you have all had a wonderful break and that the children are raring to get back to their studies. It was lovely to welcome back my new Year 6's and get the new Year5's settled into a new routine this week. We have discussed our roles and responsibilities towards our learning.





Here are a few notes for the term ahead.

Reading

Reading, as I am sure you all know, is a vital skill and has a massive impact on the children's overall well-being and the standard of their writing. By reading a high-quality text, it means that they are exposed to a wider variety of vocabulary and sentence structures. We passionately believe in the difference that regular reading can make. They need to develop their stamina and speed for reading more text in a shorter amount of time so they can focus on the task rather than the skill of reading.

The children have been given their new diary/ reading record. This is where they will need to record their 5 reads for the week, with the number of pages read recorded. I would like them to bullet point one or two main points of what they have read, for example:

- The family discovered a secret tunnel.
- George wanted to go down it.

They will also have a green reading challenge book where they must choose 1 activity to complete each week. This must be completed by Thursday.

If the children complete 5 reads and 1 activity during the week they will be granted a "Golden Reader's time" on Friday afternoon, 20 minutes. A time to play a game or catch up on some extra reading.

If the children are unable to complete for any reason, then they will be given the opportunity to catch up with a reading session during this time.

8 activities= bronze level certificate.

16 activities= silver level certificate

24 activities= gold level certificate.

There will be opal, emerald and diamond level certificates to move on to later in the year if we need any more levels.



Homework

Year 5's will need to complete their 5 reads plus 1 reading challenge activity.

Continue to practise times tables verbally and on Times Tables Rockstars. The log ins will be stuck into their diaries. They will need to consolidate spelling of year 3 and 4 statutory spelling words.

Year 6's will need to complete their 5 reads plus 1 reading challenge activity.

Practise times tables, consolidate and learn the year 3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling lists.

As the weeks progress, I will be sending homework home for year 6's for their SATS revision.

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure the children have their PE kit in school and that it is all NAMED. This should consist of a Blue school t-shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy track suit bottoms, blue school hoody or alternate similar coloured jumper and trainers.

If your child has shoulder-length or longer hair, please ensure they bring a hair band to school so that their hair can be tied back when needed. This is important for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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Water Bottles 

Water Bottles need to be brought in daily and of a manageable size for ease of access and storage. Please ensured these are named clearly.

Any questions or query, please do not hesitate to ask myself or Mrs Moncrieff.

Kind regards

Rachel Stringer