



## **Holy Trinity C of E Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! The children have settled back quickly into school life after the Christmas break ready for our busy and exciting term ahead. Continued communication between home and school is vital to your child's progress and I am always happy to discuss your child, should you have any questions or queries. To make the home school partnership easier, here is some information about the topics we will be covering this term. I hope that it is useful.

### **Reading**

All children should continue to read daily and I am delighted to see an increase in children's reading and diary entries. Please initial and date the diary every time you hear your child read and include any comments that may be useful. Please encourage your child to note down any unfamiliar words and ask for definitions to increase their understanding and vocabulary. If anyone is able to come into school to hear readers, please let me know. Friday afternoons from 2.00pm until 2.45 works best for the class. The children are expected to take their reading book and diary home every day and return them to school the following day so that they are able to record any reading that takes place during the school day.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on a Friday to be back the following Tuesday. The tasks set will generally be linked to English and Maths, but may also include other subjects from time to time. Homework is set to consolidate and extend learning from the classroom, therefore the children should be able to complete the tasks independently. Support may be given if necessary. Homework should be neatly presented with the same expectations as in the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **P.E**

Gosling class will continue to swim on Thursday mornings alongside PE sessions which will take place on a Tuesday until February half term. After half term, PE will return to Friday morning when the children will be taught gymnastics by outside providers. Children are expected to have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday as we will be running the daily mile throughout. Please ensure all items are clearly named. Our next assembly is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February when the children will once again require their assembly outfits: black leggings and tops for the girls and under armour or base layer for the boys. No logos please.

### **Classroom Equipment**

Many children have now gained their pen license as their handwriting has matured and I am looking forward to presenting more pen licenses this term. Children will be provided with a handwriting pen in school, although they may bring in their own pen from home should they wish. Please ensure that they bring in a handwriting pen rather than a biro and that it is clearly labeled.

## Curriculum

We have another busy term ahead. In English, we are studying *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells. We are exploring how settings influence events, studying characters and writing newspaper reports. In maths we will be looking at column addition and subtraction, word problems, measurement, fractions and multiplication and division. I have been delighted by the number of children learning their times tables. Please continue to support your child in this, as being able to recall times table facts quickly is invaluable to your child's progress in maths. In Science, we will be studying animals including humans. Inspired by *Paddington*, we are thoroughly enjoying researching London landmarks through our geography topic this term! Many thanks to those of you who have supported this topic by visits to the cinema or London itself. The class will continue their French sessions with Mrs. Thandi starting with days of the week and months of the year. In RE the children will be looking at Judaism. Music will be taught by Miss Melling, a music specialist.

The children have a full and enjoyable term ahead, which we are all looking forward to.

Yours faithfully,

*Yolande Brown*