Shakespeare Class News

30th September 2022

Hi from Shakespeare class,

As we reach the end of four full week back the heating has come on in school. Behaviour for learning are continuing to be a focus and I've started speaking with a few parents where I have concerns. I'm sure you will agree that it is important this term that the children strive to produce their best work each day.

Please remember that there is lots more information about things going on in Shakespeare class which can be found on the school website within the Shakespeare class pages. In Maths we are moving on to Block 2 – which focuses on Addition & Subtraction. More information about our intended learning and materials to support understanding of this Block can be found in the 'Our Curriculum' section, within the Shakespeare class pages.

Homework

Maths

Mental Arithmetic returns home today to keep our Maths skills ticking over and these books should be returned on **Wednesday**. Your child will need to complete one page of MA using pencil unless they have been told otherwise. Many thanks for those of you who had one extra look at home and found some of the missing Maths homework books. Children currently without a Mental Arithmetic book will find a page from an appropriate MA book stuck inside their Pink homework book for now.

English / Literacy (Pink book)

Inside the Pink book is a selection of activities linked to our Science topic 'Out of this World'. These are activities that can be completed at home over the rest of this half term. Children should aim to select and complete one of the activities each week.



Years 5 and 6 pupils should be reading for at least 30 minutes x 5 a week. This could be reading to an adult aloud, independently or sharing a book together. It is important that the comprehension and understanding of the text is checked regularly.

Spellings

Spellings are listed below in their groups. We will be working on these words during the upcoming week and these words will be tested on **Friday**.

There are also some 'Challenge Spellings' which we have come across during our English literacy lessons. Please support you child in learning the focused words first before the 'Challenge' list. We will on Fridays test the children on both lists.

| (Year 5 & 6 focused words) Spelling rule: silent letter words | Challenge Spelling Words |
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| Doubt | Manners |
| Island | Diet |
| Solemn | Sip |
| Thistle | Defeat |
| Knight | Instructions |
| Autumn | Credit |
| Whistle | Effect |
| debt | Infer |
| Isle | Evaluate |
| Gnarled | Review |

Art request – As last week, please could we have any cardboard boxes you are able to spare that are around the size of cereal or shoe boxes. These will be being used to help construct some 3D art projects we are working on.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and as always, many thanks for all of your support

Upcoming Diary Dates / additional reminders

Bikeability for all those Year 6 children taking part starts on Monday 3rd October. Please make sure that you have looked over the guidelines / information before the course starts on that Monday. Those Year 6 children taking part should arrive appropriately dressed to be on their bikes for the day on Monday. Please note that the Bikeability does continue if it is raining. Therefore, if the weather looks like the potential for showers during the day, it is a good idea for the children to have with them a change of clothes alongside a waterproof jacket.