

Skylark News

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and have had a chance to get some rest. Last term was great fun. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy our Deadly 60 topic finding out about all the different animals. Our topic was made even more special with our trip to Noah's Ark Zoo where we were able to see lots of great animals and even got the chance to touch and hold some of them.

This half term our topic is 'New Beginnings'. As we get closer to our new school being completed I thought this would be a great opportunity to do a one off topic getting ready for our new classroom while linking in all our curriculum opportunities. One particularly exciting element of our topic will be working in small teams to organise and complete fundraising events to raise money for resources for our new classroom. These events will also link to our curriculum and will be great opportunities to apply our learning to real life events.

Key Information:

- PE kits worn to school on PE days. We have decided to do alternate weeks with different days so every other week we can do a PE lesson with Swallow Class.
Therefore week **a** = **Wednesday** & Thursday
week **b** = Thursday & **Friday**
I will post a reminder on Dojo of which week we are on and the PE days. The first week of the term will be **week b**.
- Most reminders and updates will be sent via Dojo. Please ensure you have access to this.
- Wellies need to be in school every day in a named plastic bag in case they get wet.

Key Dates:

- 28th - Inset Day
- 1st March - Back to school
- 4th March - World book day
- 9th March - Y1 Phonics Parents Meeting
- 10th March - Coding workshop
- 16th March - Y2 SATs Parents Meeting
- 22nd March - Forest School
- 30th March - VE Day Celebration
- 8th April - Break up for Easter

Year 1 Phonics Parents Meetings & Year 2 SATs Parents Meetings:

The year 1 children have their phonics screening in June and the Year 2 children have their SATs assessments in May. Before the half term break the pupils did some practice questions for both to see how the children got on. We now know their areas for development going forward. Therefore, I would like to invite parents to an afterschool session to discuss the expectations of both the phonics screening check and the SATs assessments. In these meetings we will be going through how both assessments work, the expectations from the children, when they will happen and will look at some practise papers to see what the children are expected to do. It would be great to see you there.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting = 9th March 3:30 - 4:00

Year 2 SATs Assessment Meeting = 16th March 4:00 - 4:30

Reading Books:

Reading books will be changed and monitored in the same way from last term as this allowed the children to change books regularly while not taking up too much time. As always we would like the children to discover a love for reading so we will be trying our best to maintain their library sessions for the reading book for pleasure. Throughout the school day opportunities come up for the adults available to hear readers. To help us with this please make sure your child has their book in school every day even when it is not their day to change.

Monday = Red Team
Tuesday = Yellow Team
Wednesday = Green Team
Thursday = Blue team

Thank you for all your support so far this year, especially through trickier times. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via Dojo and I'll be happy to help. Here's to another amazing half term working towards our new classroom.

Miss Cooper

