

LOWER JUNIOR NEWS

Friday 29th September 2017

Welcome

Welcome back and we hope you all had a restful Summer holiday. The children have settled in really well, particularly our younger children for whom the move to the Juniors may have seemed a little daunting. Thank you for supporting your child with their holiday homework – their covered books look really fantastic. We are looking forward to learning together this year and are excited about our upcoming trip to Buster ancient farm.



Maths

The majority of the first half of this term will focus on developing the children's understanding of place value and number. This will prepare them for further units of work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Using practical apparatus alongside all we do supports the children in getting to grips with concepts and we are also developing pictorial methods that aid them.

Children are expected to not only demonstrate fluency in concepts but apply their knowledge and understanding to reasoning and problems.

English

This term we will be studying and writing poetry, non fiction texts linked to our topic work as well as creating our own stories modelled on those we have been reading.

Pen licenses will only be awarded to children who demonstrate that they can use a neat, joined style of handwriting as well as use capital letters correctly.



Topic

This term, our topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. The children are beginning to develop their understanding of when these ages were in history and are learning about how archaeologists' findings have helped us to understand the Stone Age. We are all very much looking forward to our trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Monday 16th October!



Home Learning

Reading

Please ensure your child reads at least 4 times a week and that this is recorded in their Reading Challenge booklet so they can earn points. As well as having a reading challenge reward at the end of each term, we have also introduced a reading raffle this year. On Mondays only, children will receive raffle tickets for the number of points they earned the previous week. The owner of the winning ticket selects a new book of their choice!

Spelling

Each week, for the first half of the Autumn term, the children are expected to practise a specific spelling pattern (e.g. adding -ing). They will be tested at the beginning of the following week when they will **apply the rules** that they have learnt. Please see your child's Dragon ABC for more details.

Takeaway homework

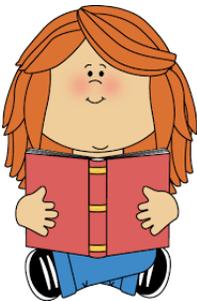
Children are expected to complete the equivalent of one piece a week (2 starters, 2 mains, 2 desserts) during a half term. They may choose to complete more than one in advance. Every child has a copy of the takeaway menu and it is available via the school website.

Times tables

It is extremely beneficial for the children to practise their times tables. Please see the separate Maths Champions booklet.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 9th October Spelling workshop 2.45pm

Wednesday 18th October Maths workshop 2.45pm



Parent Helpers

We are always looking for parent helpers to listen to readers so if you would like to help between 9:00 and 9:30 then please let your child's class teacher know.

General

Please can we remind you that there should be no children in the library or classrooms before 8.40am – teachers need this time to prepare for the school day. Only children attending breakfast club should be in the school building before this time. Additionally, to allow teachers to greet every child into the classroom, please do not try to enter the library area to have a conversation with them in the morning. Teaching assistants will be on the outer doors to take any messages. This will also help to encourage greater independence for your child as they enter school themselves and organise their own belongings.

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