

# Firefly Class – Autumn Term



## Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and we are amazed at how quickly they have settled into a new class and routines. They have returned enthusiastically and ready for a busy and important year.

### PE Days

Our PE days will continue to be Mondays and Fridays and we ask that children come into school wearing their PE Kit on these days with no hoodies please for safety. This term, we plan to be outside for both sessions so please ensure weather appropriate clothes.

In year 5/6, children may consider bringing in deodorant for after PE sessions. If you decide to provide your child with deodorant, please ensure this is a 'roll-on' variety. We do not allow aerosols in school as they can affect children suffering from asthma and they have been known to set off fire alarms.

### Home/ School communication books

Similar to last year, children have been issued with a home/school communication log book. These log books act as a communication tool between home and school. If you have any questions or messages for any of the adults working in class, then please feel free to write them in the designated section within the book. Equally, staff may use the book to write a message for your attention.

As part of the homework, children should read at home for at least 15 minutes every day. Please sign the diary to show your child has read. Spellings will also be added to the diary and these should be practised each day as part of their home learning.

### Home learning:

You should have received a letter about home-learning. We will now be setting home learning on Google Classroom. Most of the children will be familiar with this site now as we used it during lock-down.

Setting it on the internet will help reduce paper but more importantly, if we ever have to close school again, or a child is having to self-isolate, there should be a seamless transition for them to start accessing work.

Each half term, there will be compulsory, 'must do' homework that all children need to complete and some additional 'should' and 'could' activities that we will encourage the children to do to go the extra mile.

The letter regarding home learning should explain how the children can access their homework. There are also videos on our Facebook page which talk through how to login, view and submit work. We will also be showing the children in class how to do it. If there are any problems, please let us know. Equally, if you can't access the internet at home and require a hard copy, please let us know so we can ensure your child receives their homework.

**English:** This half term, children will be studying a picture book called 'Rose Blanche'. The story, which is aimed at Y5/6 children, links to our WWII topic and covers some sensitive issues in Nazi Germany. Although we do not cover the Holocaust in too much detail, please be aware that your child may be affected by this.

**Maths:** Whilst we cover lots in Maths, our main focus this term will be on place value and the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Currently, children are taught in mixed ability groups as we are avoiding different class pods mixing.

**Topic:** As mentioned, our topic for this term is WWII. The key questions that we hope children will be able answer by the end of the topic are:

- When was WWII?
- Why did the war start?
- Why was it called a WORLD war?
- Why children were evacuated and how was this experience?
- What was life like in Lakenheath during WW2?

**Science:** Our Science this term is light and materials.

Best Wishes – Miss Harcombe and Mrs Skeats