

Class HH Newsletter

April / May 2018

Welcome back. I hope you've all had a relaxing Easter and haven't over indulged in Easter Eggs. Please come and see me if you have any questions, concerns or would just like more information.

Topic: The topic for this term will be **Our Wonderful World** The topic will have a geographic and environmental focus around regions of the world, climatic differences and habitats. We will all enjoy a world tour without leaving Shotton! We will be visiting the cold Arctic, the hot desert, animals on a safari, the wet rainforest as well as exploring the oceans. Please help your child by talking about different places you have visited.

Mathematics: The children will continue to develop mental maths skills including addition, subtraction, halving, doubling and solving problems using these skills. They will also develop their understanding and vocabulary relating to shape, time and positions. **Please encourage your child to practice their mental maths skills at home. Fluency in these skills is an essential foundation for maths throughout the school. Please also support with learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour.**

Reading The children will continue to read individually to an adult, as part of a small group in guided reading sessions as well as sharing texts as a class linked to the topic and also as the story of the week. They will be encouraged to expect texts to make sense and to go back and check where this is not the case.

Please support your child by listening to your child read at home as often as possible and please sign the reading record as this helps us to monitor progress.

Writing will focus on recounts of events and activities. With a focus on linking ideas and accurate punctuation (capital letters and full stops).

Phonic and spelling skills will be developed through daily sessions. Please practice the spellings included in the home school books and revisit the exception words regularly.

Writing is a complex skill that needs lots of reinforcement so please encourage your child to write at home.

Home School Books: The children all have a home-school book where we will share the main areas of learning for the week and give a couple of ideas for supporting at home. Please support the development of your child by trying some of the activities. If you require any further information or clarification, please ask.

Activities to try:

Fact Hunting: Use books of the internet to find interesting fun facts about countries of the World.

Sharing and discussing stories. Remember to get the children to predict what will happen next and to think about how the characters are feeling and why they decided to do what they did.

Reciting Poems: find, learn and recite a short poem.

Writing: Recounts of trips or special events, diary entries.

Playing games together. (I went shopping ... board games etc quick fire maths questions)

Computer based games: try sites like Top marks (www.topmarks.co.uk) Oxford Owls (ClassHH), www.doorwayonline.org.uk

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child has a **plastic bottle filled with water (no juice, thank you)**. Bottles need to be stored in the orchard. Please can you ensure that the bottle is filled and cleaned regularly and is named.

Remember all diary dates and further information are available on the



P.E. on Tuesdays

