

Class LC Newsletter

April 2018 – Summer Term 1

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and the children are rested and ready to go. Don't let the weather fool you - we are in the summer term and the weeks will fly by now until the end of the year. We still have plenty of the curriculum to cover, and as always your support at home is gratefully received.

Creative Curriculum

This half term our topic is 'Potions'.

In literacy we will cover lots of different genres including non-chronological reports, labels and lists, letters, instructions, posters and narratives.

In maths we will explore a range of different measures including capacity, length, time, temperature.

In science, we will look at different states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and their properties. We will also think about health and safety when using a range of materials.

In computing we will use a range of software to research our topic and to present our learning.

In history we will find out how potions were used in the past for both medicinal and magical reasons. We will look at a range of herbs and ingredients known for their healing properties.

In art and design we will do careful observational sketching and learn about shading and texture and we will create our own lava lamps.

Half Term Focus



As the end of the year is quickly approaching, I have decided to have a big push this half term on times tables and statutory spellings.

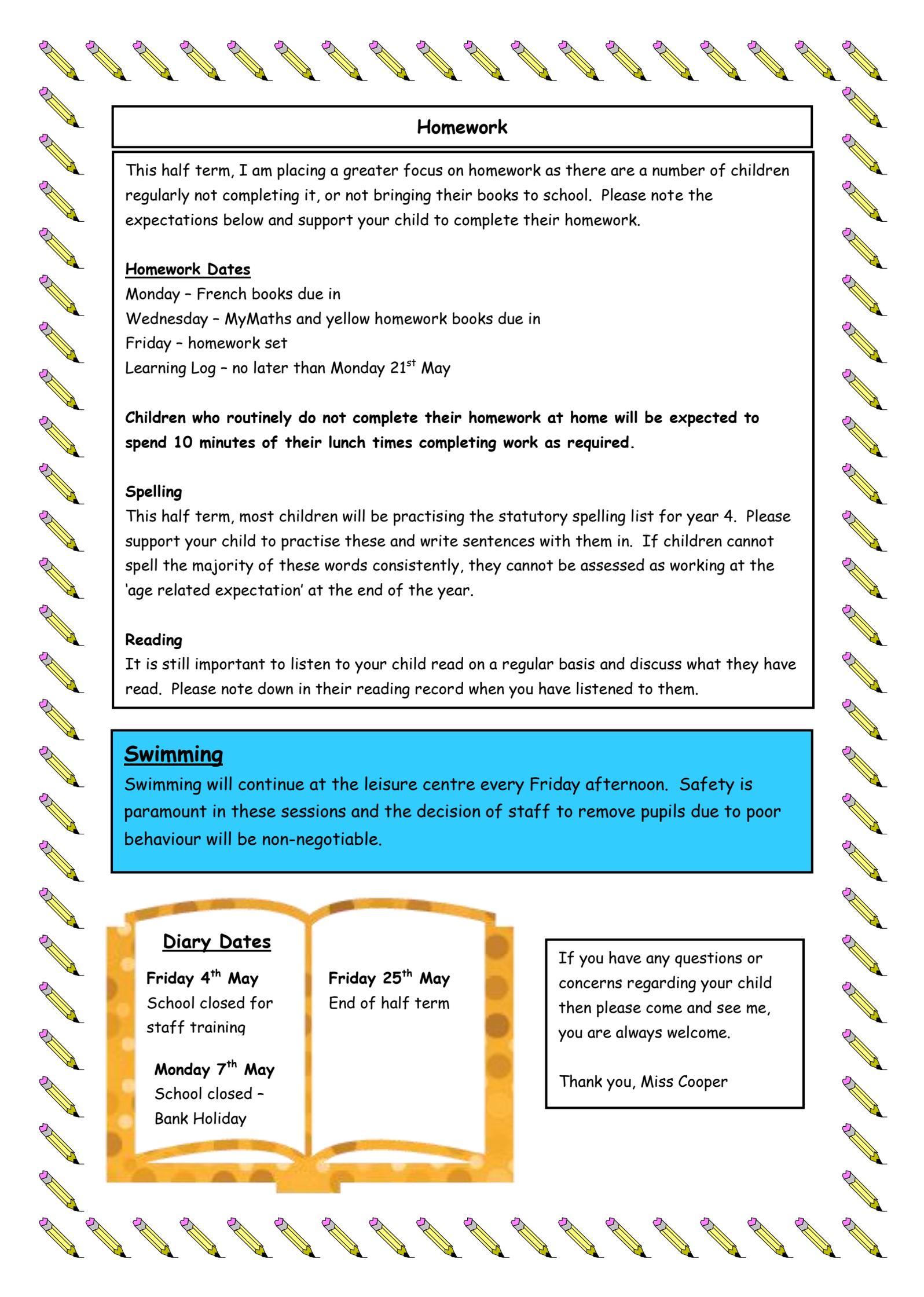
I will assess children and give them a times table target to work on each week. **Please support your child to practise their target every day.**

Please see below for information about this half term spellings.

Summer Term Essentials

Hopefully, the weather will start to become more pleasant as the weeks progress. Please ensure your child has a bottle of water, sun cream and a hat in school every day. Please note, children should not be bringing juice or sparkling drinks of any description. Children should also bring coats, even on sunny days as the weather can change.





Homework

This half term, I am placing a greater focus on homework as there are a number of children regularly not completing it, or not bringing their books to school. Please note the expectations below and support your child to complete their homework.

Homework Dates

Monday - French books due in

Wednesday - MyMaths and yellow homework books due in

Friday - homework set

Learning Log - no later than Monday 21st May

Children who routinely do not complete their homework at home will be expected to spend 10 minutes of their lunch times completing work as required.

Spelling

This half term, most children will be practising the statutory spelling list for year 4. Please support your child to practise these and write sentences with them in. If children cannot spell the majority of these words consistently, they cannot be assessed as working at the 'age related expectation' at the end of the year.

Reading

It is still important to listen to your child read on a regular basis and discuss what they have read. Please note down in their reading record when you have listened to them.

Swimming

Swimming will continue at the leisure centre every Friday afternoon. Safety is paramount in these sessions and the decision of staff to remove pupils due to poor behaviour will be non-negotiable.



Diary Dates

Friday 4th May
School closed for
staff training

Monday 7th May
School closed -
Bank Holiday

Friday 25th May
End of half term

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child then please come and see me, you are always welcome.

Thank you, Miss Cooper