

Waterman Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is great to have all the children back in school and raring to go this term. It has been an amazing start to the year and the children are already developing a positive and resilient attitude to their learning. They are especially enjoying the Science investigations.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Different US', and will be looking at how cultures and families differ; but we are all still the same. See topic grid that was sent out last week and will be available from our website.

Class Dojo

This year we will be using Class Dojo to show parents the work we have been doing in class as well as a communication tool. We will be using this to display children's work, show the learning opportunities we are providing and issue general reminders. Some of you will be aware that the comments section has been activated and I am pleased to see grown-ups responding to this. Dojo will also be used for individual comments and celebrating successes.

Spellings

To ensure that children are not merely learning a list of set words we are focusing in class on a spelling rule each week. All children will receive the same spellings on a weekly basis and will be tested, as a class, at the end of the week. The spelling test will not only include words on the spelling keyring, but others that follow the same rule to ensure that children are confident in applying the spelling patterns in other words.

Our learning this term will be:

English - the children will be focusing on two books throughout the autumn term: Parvana's Journey and Kensuke's Kingdom. Using these texts, the children will create fact files, narrative writing and newspaper reports;

Maths- recognising and using place value;

Music- appreciating different styles of music and using their voices as instruments;

Geography- identifying key areas of the UK, linked to key settlements identified in history lessons;

PE-invasion games for the first half term and dance in the second linked to different cultures;

History- creating time lines of UK history;

DI- exploring, tasting and creating food that has been introduced to this country from different cultures;

ART - we will focus on the 'Great Wave' which is linked to the book Kensuke's Kingdom;

Computing: the importance of E-Safety;

RE-Christianity and the Christmas story, comparing this story to other faiths linked to respect;

Science- 'evolution and inheritance'. We will be considering why we look the way we do, what traits we have from our parents and whether we inherit personality traits or not.

Diary Dates

- Our sharing assembly is on Friday 22nd September this term from 9am with refreshments after. Pupils will be given the opportunity to chat with grown-ups after.
- Drumming, PE and Forest Schools will be on Wednesdays.
- Homework will come out on Fridays and is due in the following Thursday.

Uniform

Please ensure your child has clothing appropriate to all lessons. Please ensure children have jogging bottoms and a jumper for PE and a warm, waterproof coat for Forest Schools as the weather has changed.

Mrs Martin and Miss Hicks