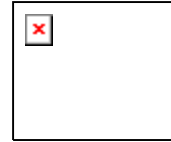




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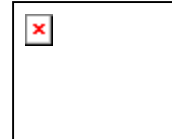
Dear Parents/Carers

It's lovely to be back after the holidays, and I'm pleased to say that the children have made a superb start to the term, eager, hard-working and enthusiastic (just like their new teacher!). All the children now have reading books and times tables sheets (55 club), and this week they will be given a homework folder. Each week the children will have a piece of English and a piece of Mathematics work to complete for their homework. This will be sent home on a Thursday inside the homework folder. In addition to this the children will have weekly spellings to learn and there will be a half-termly topic project.

This half-term our topic is Ancient Egypt, so our homework project is to create an artefact to represent Ancient Egypt. This could take the form of a set of pyramids (or perhaps just one!), a sphinx, a sarcophagus, perhaps a shadouf (used by the Egyptians to water their crops) would be more to your liking. You may prefer to create something a little different, and by searching the internet you will find myriad items that you may want to work with your children to create. All of the homework projects will be displayed in school, some in the classroom and others in the school foyer, and the best three projects (to be judged by Mrs Barraclough) will receive a large bar of chocolate!

Linking to our Egyptian work, our Literacy will focus on myths and legends and the children will be reading, analysing and writing a variety of myths and legends from other cultures and our own. It will be helpful if you can hear your child read at least once a week and record this in their reading record. Asking questions about what has happened in their books and why the children think that characters have made certain decisions, or why the children like/dislike certain characters will also be useful.

As with all schools nationally, I am required to take release time from the class. This year french will be taught by Madame Terry and will take place on Wednesday mornings. PE will be taught by Mrs Jefferies on Mondays. This enables Mrs Jefferies as PE subject leader to maintain links with Ansford in the best possible way and it provides the children with the best PE teaching in the school - a good deal all round I'm sure you will agree, (during this time I will be teaching Mathematics and ICT to Sycamore Class). On Thursday afternoons I will have my PPA release time. During this time Mrs Ryall will be taking the class and will be teaching Art and History. Mrs Ryall will also be covering my Deputy Head release time on alternate Tuesday afternoons. Mrs Barraclough and I have arranged this to minimise the disruption to the children when I have to undertake my management role within the school - It essentially means that during the prime learning time in the mornings, when English and Mathematics is being taught, your children will have me in the classroom.



I always operate an open door policy in my classroom, and I am always happy to speak to parents about their children's learning. If you have any questions at all, no matter how small they may seem, please feel free to come and speak to me. After school is generally easier as there are less time restraints, but I will be pleased to see you at any time, just drop in!

SATs booster sessions will be starting after the half-term holidays and I would encourage all of the children to take up the opportunity when it arises. SATs week commences on May 11th 2009, so please do not book any holidays for this week!! More information around SATs will be available nearer the time, but you can of course come in for a chat at any time.

This promises to be an exciting and fun-filled year for all of us in Pine Class and I very much look forward to working with you and your children to make their last year at Evercreech their best year yet!

Best wishes

Stewart Biddles
Deputy Headteacher