



## KS1 Newsletter: Term 3 Jan - Feb 2018

Sapphire



Amethyst



Topaz



Emerald



Diamond



### Welcome back.

Happy new year everyone! We hope you all had a brilliant Christmas break! The next two terms are going to be quite busy and we do know that they are vital as this is the time of year when children can make the most progress quite quickly. In light of this we do request that families try to make sure that children's attendance is as high as possible. Just to add to that later on Term 5 is also an important time for the Year 2s as their statutory assessment tasks are carried out over the month of May.

*Included with this newsletter is a topic web which will explain the curriculum for this term in greater detail.*

### Topic - Pole to Pole

This term our topic will be Geography and Science based exploring climates and animals across the world. As part of this the classes are going on a trip to Bristol Aquarium. The dates for this, as you will know, are being staggered across several Mondays. Please refer to the separate letter about this trip.

### Author of the Term

This term our author will be Judith Kerr. This links back to our pre-Christmas work on Mog's Christmas Calamity which really captured the interest of all the classes.

### Reading Rewards

Please continue to write in your child's reading record *every time* they read with you at home. We know that regular practice at home does increase progress in reading. This also ensures that each class can build up their Elmer squares to compete for the class reward at the end of each term. *Named Book bags on the outside* need to be in school every day. Thank you.

### Stay and Read

Sessions will continue to be on **Monday mornings** at drop off time.

### Homework

Homework books **need** to be in school every Friday to ensure new spellings and homework can be stuck in and sent home. If possible, can we ask that books are returned **before** Friday to allow class teachers opportunity to mark any homework that has been completed before the new homework is sent home? Topic Homework needs to be completed and sent into school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Homework sharing will be taking place on the following Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### Naming Belongings

Please could you ensure that all items which belong to your child are individually named and that this includes *all* of PE and swimming items as well as the bag it is kept in. Unfortunately there were a lot of unnamed items in lost property at the end of Term 2.

### Swimming

Swimming kits - please ensure the kit includes a swimming hat *and* goggles with each item individually named. These items can be bought at the swimming pool. Class swimming for all of KS1 will still run as follows:

Wednesdays: Amethyst and Diamond

Fridays: Topaz, Sapphire and Emerald.

The classes that swim first, Amethyst and Topaz, do have to make a prompt start at the pool so being on time is really important on these mornings.

*Please note: We swim every week up to half term.*

### P.E and Forest School

This term forest school is taking place for Amethyst, Topaz and Emerald. Please ensure your child has additional warm clothes such as joggers and a hoody to change into for the session. An extra pair of socks is also useful.

Forest school is a fantastic session and we always need parent helpers. Please let class teachers know if you can help.

All classes are having sports coaching again this term, please can you make sure their P.E kit is back in school. They will also need a jumper/hoody for the sessions that are outside.

### Dates for your Diary

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Topic Homework due in.

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Homework sharing

Week beginning Mon 5/2/18: Parents Evenings

Details to follow nearer the time.

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** End of Term 3

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Term 4 starts

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** End of Term 4

Please look out for dates for the phonics and SAT's arrangements meeting for parents.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Butcher, Mrs Perry, Mr Cozens, Mrs Upham,  
Miss Perrett & Mrs Atkinson.