



KS1 Newsletter: Term 5 April - May 2018

Sapphire



Amethyst



Topaz



Emerald



Diamond



Welcome back.

We hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break and feel refreshed and ready for a new term!

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

Topic - A Bug's Life

This term our topic will be centred on Minibeasts. We are hoping to get outside as much as possible for our Art, Science and Topic work, so please ensure wellies are back in school.

End of KS1 Assessments (SATs)

Throughout May the Year 2 children will be taking their statutory assessments. We are referring to these as booklets. To allow class teachers to administer the SATs in appropriate groups you will notice that other teachers and teaching assistants will be taking more groups during morning sessions at various times throughout Term 5. Please be assured that class teachers will be planning all the lessons and the other adults will work with the children on their activities. We aim to make this period as stress free as possible for all the children. You can help your child by encouraging them to relax and enjoy the lighter evenings as much as possible away from their formal learning.

Talk Power - Tongue Twisters

A lot of learning in school centres around the children talking and communicating. To help with this we are continuing to have a 'tongue twister of the term. Please help your child to say and recite this. This term it will be:

A big bug bit the little beetle but the little beetle bit the big bug back.

Author of the Term

This term our focus will be on Quentin Blake who not only writes books but is also a fabulous illustrator of children's books.

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. *Named Book bags* 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 an opportunity to mark any homework that has been completed before the new homework is set. Topic Homework needs to be completed and sent into school by Friday 16th March. Homework sharing will be taking place on the following Monday 19th March.

Naming Belongings

We do ask in every newsletter 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 cloakrooms and lost property at the end of Term 4.

Swimming

Swimming kits - please ensure the kit includes a swimming hat *and* goggles with each item individually named.

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 do not swim in the first week of this term and then we swim every week up to half term.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 9th April Term 5 starts

Mon 16th April - Week 2: Swimming starts

Mon 7th May: Bank Holiday Monday

Fri. 18th May: All homework books in please

Mon 21st May: Homework sharing

Thurs 24th May Picnic and play day

End of Term 5 for children

Fri 25th May: INSET DAY

Mon 4th June Start of Term 6

Phonics Meeting - date to be shared soon.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Butcher, Mrs Perry, Mr Cozens, Mrs Upham, Miss Perrett & Mrs Atkinson.