

## **Puffins**

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and are now reenergised for the spring term. The children have completed a fantastic first term and are now fully charged for the spring term. Mrs Sargeant and I am very pleased with how hard all of the children have worked and are now using this knowledge to work more independently.



Our topic this half term we will be looking at a project all about Africa. Focusing on the world around us for geography and African art. We have a school trip booked for Wednesday 10th<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to Birmingham Botanical Gardens as part of next half terms Science topic animals/minibeasts further details will be provided soon in a separate letter. As part of PSHE topic we will be Healthy Lives and how we grow and change which will include the PANTS programme.

## **Homework**

This section I had in my previous newsletter but it is still of the highest importance to help your children as much as possible at home and it is always very much appreciated.

As per our school Homework Policy children will be expected to spend up to 1 hour on homework tasks, this can include:

- Reading books and key words
- Learning spellings
- Learning number facts
- English activities
- Maths activities

It is important to encourage and assist your child with their reading and spellings at home daily as we have seen the fantastic impact this has on their essential skills for learning. Please can you also practice the words at the front their reading diaries when reading. We aim to change reading books every Tuesday and Thursday. Your child will need to have their book bags in school

daily please. It is important to listen to your child read daily to cement the reading skills they are being taught at school. Every Friday your child will be given a home spelling book, these spellings need to be learnt and your child needs to use these within a sentence to demonstrate understanding. Spelling books need to be returned every Thursday. If this is not completed unfortunately your child will have to complete it in their golden time as they will be falling behind if it is not completed.

PE lessons are timetables for Tuesday and Thursday every week so please ensure your child has a full kit in school (t-shirt, shorts and pumps). Kits will be left in school and returned home at the end of every half term.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents for your continuing support and I hope this term will be as great as the last.

Please do not hesitate to come and discuss any concerns you may have.

With thanks

Miss Coghlan, Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Murphy