



BLUEBERRY CLASS MEETING WEDNESDAY 11.09.19



Welcome to Blueberry Class! Please read on to find out more about our topics this term and our class and homework routines.

This term we have begun our new curious curriculum 'I wonder.....What makes a riveting read?' which will allow us to concentrate on a variety of genres in writing and reading. This will lead to a class study of "How to Train your Dragon" by Cressida Cowell allowing us to really let our imaginations fly. In turn it will link to our history theme of the Vikings, their life and what they brought to Britain. In science, we will be concentrating on materials and their properties. Please encourage your child to bring in any books/items related to these topics. This year each class will be learning a different modern foreign language, Blueberry Class will learn German.

Our normal daily routine starts with the children working on spellings, moving onto reading activities or times table practise, followed by Maths and then English. The other subject areas are split over the afternoon sessions. We have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays this term.

Your child can bring home their spelling booklets daily for practice but must ensure they are in school every day. At home they can write out the words, as well as test you on the spellings, call them out to you or any other activity that helps them learn. They will be tested individually in class weekly. Other homework, will be sent home on a Wednesday, to be returned the following Wednesday.

Daily reading with your child is also a very important activity and those children who complete it make much greater progress across the curriculum. On a Friday we will ask the children for their reading records and those children who have read four times or more in the week will receive a sticker.

Stickers can be earned in school and at home for excellent work, with certificates being awarded. House points can also be earned and can be given by any adult in the school.

If work, homework or reading is not completed satisfactorily, your child may be asked to join a homework club during break or lunchtime. We understand that sometimes special circumstances can mean that they have been unable to complete tasks and this is taken into account. As with the reading, those who do complete tasks regularly have not only greater knowledge but also greater confidence in their learning. We will report on the contribution homework and reading has made to the children's learning at our parent consultations in Terms two and four.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit at school every day, including black tracksuit trousers for the colder months. Please check plimsolls and trainers are the correct size.

Weather permitting we will be swimming every Friday until the end of September. Blueberry Class will be having a music lesson on Wednesdays delivered by Mrs Fletcher.

I look forward to seeing you all at our consultation meetings next term!

Class Teacher - Mrs Maskell

Teaching Assistants - Mrs Thompson and Mrs Pain