

MANGO CLASS MEETING TUESDAY 10.09.19

Welcome to Mango 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 "Shadow" by Michael Morpurgo which will allow us to look at issues such as immigration and refugees. In turn this will link to our history theme of "settlers" which will be based mainly on the Anglo - Saxons. 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, Mango Class will learn Spanish.

Our normal daily routine starts with the children working on various Guided Reading activities, followed by Maths and then English. The other subject areas are split over the afternoon sessions. We have PE on Monday's and Thursday's this term.

Your child can bring home their spelling booklets daily for practice but must ensure they are in school on their spelling test 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 on their given day. 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 Wednesday we will ask the children for their reading records, in their home learning books, and those children who have read five times 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 three.

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. Mango Class will be having a cricket lesson on Mondays throughout Term 1 as part of the "Time to Shine" programme that is run by East Sussex cricket. In term 2 we will have music delivered by Mrs Fletcher.

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

Class Teacher - Mrs Isaac

Teaching Assistants - Mrs Piggott and Mrs Thompson