

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! The children have made a positive start to the new term and are already enjoying our new topic; Wind In The Willows. We will be using the text of this novel to inspire our English work. We will immerse ourselves into the context and write as if we were some of the characters from the book. For example, with persuasive language as one of our learning objectives, we are going to write a letter to Toad, persuading him to drive more carefully or give up motor cars altogether!

In Maths we will be working with fractions, the children have all made progress in our first lesson on equivalent fractions. The real world references to pizzas and chocolate bars helped substantially I think! As they are all related to one another, we will make our way towards percentages and decimals and look at how they are representations of fractions. Additionally, the children will learning about analogue and digital time, including 12 hour and 24 hour time. We will be converting between 12 and 24 time and solving problems involving adding or subtracting from a given time.

Keeping in theme with our topic, our Geography lessons will be about rivers. We will be looking at rivers in terms of their source, flow and estuaries. Furthermore, river life and water cycle will also be covered. The children will learn key geographical terms related to rivers and their function and be able to explain them within their work.

We will now be going swimming as of next week (14/01/19) at Southam Leisure Centre, we will be travelling there from school by coach and based on other classes experience will be back around 3:45pm. Please could you ensure you return the permission slips that were sent out to me or Mrs Wilson in the school office. Our indoor PE will now consist of Gymnastics which we will be doing on a Tuesday afternoon.

Reminders of regular routines:

- ❖ Every Wednesday weekly homework will be set. That will consist of either an English, Maths or Topic task. Homework books are due in the following Wednesday.
- ❖ The children will need their swimming kit every Monday.
- ❖ Also, indoor PE kits will be needed every Tuesday.
- ❖ Please could you remind children to take their water bottles home each day.
- ❖ If your child has any *medical* needs (e.g. epipens, inhalers, Piriton), please make sure the school has all in-date medication available.

I look forward to seeing you all again,

Mr Limmer

