

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a festive and fun Christmas break. We welcome you and your child/children back to Whaplode C of E Primary School.

This term our topic will be There's no place like home and you can find more information about our curriculum in this newsletter. Throughout the term you can also see what the children do whilst in school on the school website by looking on our class page.

We were excited to see the children's homework projects and we will look forward to displaying them in the school hall and our classroom for everyone to see and enjoy. Thank you for supporting your child with these projects especially because I know the Christmas period would have been very busy for you all.

Our class routines for reading, spellings and homework are also outlined in this newsletter, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We hope that the children are all ready to work as hard as they did last term so that they can keep progressing and achieving to the best of their ability.

Mrs Halden

OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

There's no place like home

In English, the children will continue to participate in Read Write Inc phonics sessions three times a week, to develop and work upon their reading, writing and phonics knowledge. We will also have regular Reading Skills sessions which will take place during the afternoons. In our cross-curricular work, we will become detectives and newspaper reporters when we participate in our WOW day. We will be looking at the structure of a narrative text and rewriting our own version of the story we will be looking at.

Correct punctuation within our work will be a big focus this term.

In Maths, we will continue developing our number work by looking at addition and subtraction and using the correct vocabulary when using these types of calculations. During space, shape and measure we will be learning to show and tell the time using o'clock and half past the hour. Towards the end of the term we will be looking at length and how to measure accurately using a ruler in cms.

In Science, we will be looking at the habitats of different animals within our surrounding area and how they provide the basic needs for the animals that live within them. We will be working scientifically to gather and record data by performing simple tests.

In DT (Design and Technology), we will be looking at different products and how they have been designed and made. We will have the opportunity to make our own houses, evaluate what we have made and then see if we can improve our original design. The children will also be looking at hinges, identifying them within the school, looking at the different types that there are and then also making our own.

PE lessons will be on a **Monday** afternoon and a **Thursday** morning. Please ensure all earrings are removed prior to this and **ALL** clothing is labelled with your child's name.

RE this term will be all about Stories of Authority for Jews and Christians from the Bible.