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Nethercote Class : Autumn Term 2021 2022

Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to start a new year and I have been so proud of how well Nethercote class have started that year. We have worked really well as a team to help one another get to know each other better and to support each other to settle in together. Everyone in Nethercote class has shown amazing kindness, resilience and a great sense of fun and positivity.

Our Learning

Our first Topic focuses on A Trip Down Memory Lane where we look at changes to such as transport and toys within living memory. We will then move on to Explorers. Here we will be looking at the significance of explorers and learning about the likes of Neil Armstrong and Matthew Henson. We will become scientists, exploring materials and learning about why science is so important, including what some scientists have done for us.

PSHE

Our PSHE this term will focus on TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) and Diverse Britain. We will develop our collaborative working skills and reflect upon the importance of being kind to others. We will also look at how to identify good and not-so-good choices. We will move on to looking at ways we can contribute positively to the various groups and communities to which we belong. We will learn about looking after the environment and what it means to be British.

Homework

Homework includes hearing your child read for ten minutes at least four times a week. They can read anything to you; a school reading book, a library book, an information book or a comic or magazine – the most important thing is they are practising and developing their reading skills. If your child has read to you, this can be counted as one of their reads to be recorded in their reading diaries. Book bags, reading diaries and school reading books should be in school every day. From Friday 17th September maths homework will be added weekly to Google Classroom in order to reinforce what has been taught in school that week.

Numbots is an online learning platform, the emphasis is on mathematical concepts and is underpinned by a mastery approach to teaching. Story Mode features visual representations, procedural variation, exposure to different calculation strategies and interleaved material all in very carefully sequenced order.

Your child has their log on and password and Numbots (this will be stuck in their reading diaries) can be downloaded as an app for tablet devices or played online. We suggest that children engage with Numbots for a maximum of 3 minutes, 4 or 5 times a week, little and often is key. It is absolutely fine for an adult to type their child's answer rather than them having to master a keyboard themselves.

Reward certificates for effort (most coins earned) will be given out in our celebration assembly weekly and children's names will appear in the newsletter.



P.E.

P.E. is on a Monday and a Wednesday. On these days children must come to school wearing their P.E kit which includes a plain t-shirt in their house colour.

Forest School

Forest School begins on Tuesday 21st September and will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children need to come to school in their school uniform and will get changed for Forest School after lunchtime has finished. Please remember we go to Forest School in all weathers so children will need the appropriate clothing.

It has been lovely to catch up with some of you already at the school gate in the mornings and at 3.00. If you would like to discuss anything please try to catch me then or email the school office and we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for you continued support and I look forward to a happy and fun-filled school year with lots of challenges and proud moments.

Miss Malone
Nethercote Class Teacher