



# Pot Kiln Primary School Summer Newsletter

Parks Class – Mrs Castano & Mrs Riceman

Welcome back to the Spring term! I hope you all had a lovely break. We had a fantastic Autumn term with lots of interesting KS2 learning. We have lots of exciting lessons planned for the Spring term which will really engage the children's interest and enthusiasm. We also have the fantastic opportunity to participate in Forest Schools.

## Home/School communication/home learning:

Please listen to your child read a minimum of 5x a week. Whilst reading, ensure you ask questions about the texts; help on this will be given in due course. Please write comments in your child's reading logs so we know you have read with them. On completion of 5x reads a week your child will be entered into the Parks Class Reading Raffle where they have the opportunity to win a book of their choice. Hearing your child read just a few pages each evening will make a huge difference to their confidence in reading. Please remember to check book bags and the class Seesaw app for notes and reminders about important dates, events and things we will be learning in Parks Class. The children will be set homework once a week; this will be supplied online in the seesaw app.

## When will my child need PE and forest school kit?

Your child will be outside so please ensure they are suitably dressed. PE is on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit to school on this day.

**Library:** On Thursday afternoons, Parks class will have the opportunity to go to the school library. Whilst there, they will learn how a library works and will be shown how to treat the books with respect. Your child will have the opportunity to take home a book of their choice, fiction or non-fiction, and share it with you. This would also count as a read towards their 5x a week reads. Please ensure this book is returned by the following Thursday so they can exchange it for another.

## Being in Parks class:

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as the children spend time in the outside area as well as on the playground at break and lunch times.

Please remember children need a healthy lunch. This could include: a sandwich, drink, yoghurt, cereal bar and fruit. Now your child is in Year 3, you need to provide your own fruit or vegetable snack for playtime. Please remember fizzy drinks and sweets are not permitted including chocolate bars such as mars bars.

Please do not let the children bring their own toys into school. These can get lost or mislaid and generally cause upset.

## Seesaw online learning platform

Homework will continue to be set on Seesaw as an activity. This will be on a Friday and is due in on the following Thursday. Please try to complete online to reduce transmission of Covid and also its more environmentally friendly. Physical projects will be welcomed into school when applicable.

## Dropping and Collecting:

Please drop your child off promptly at 8.30 on the top playground. Assembly is at 8.45 so we need to register and organise our books prior to this. Being punctual helps support your child's emotional well-being. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Please collect your child at 3pm from the top playground.

**Concerns or Queries:** If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Meetings can be arranged for after school, (except Tuesdays and Fridays). I'm also available on Seesaw most evenings/ weekends as well.