



# Pot Kiln Primary School Class Newsletter

Thunberg Class-Mr Pemberton and Mrs Knights

Dear Families

What a fabulous start to the term we have had...the visit from Ofsted seems a distant memory! I appreciate that there are already plenty of letters /information coming home at this stage, however, I thought it was important to share with you what exactly will be happening with regards to Thunberg Class this term.

It seems ridiculous to think that we have less than a term left together as Thunberg but we have so much to fit in! Details of this can be found on the attached Topic Web which shows not only what we are learning but how it is all linked together and underpinned by whole school assemblies/events.

As always, we will be using **SeeSaw** to bridge that link between home and school learning.

Key points:

- **Homework will be sent out via SeeSaw each week** (codes for children and parents have been sent out but if you need replacements then let me know; any old SeeSaw logins are now out of date) unless paper copies have been agreed.
- **The parent account** is used to support communication between home and school. It will allow you to view your child's school work and keep up to date with their learning.
- **The student account** allows pupils to upload their class work and access work sent home. At home, **Seesaw** allows you to **add text** and work directly onto the files that are uploaded this means there is no need to print off any of the worksheets.

If anyone has difficulty joining SeeSaw, please let me know.

## Reading

There is the expectation that children read for a period of at least 15-20 minutes (with or without an adult) **5 times per week**. This will enable your child(ren) to be entered into a weekly raffle and a chance to win a book! This is to be recorded in the reading record (green book) and should ideally be brought into school each day but must brought in every **MONDAY** so that reads can be recorded and raffle tickets issued!

## **PE & Forest Schools**

Thunberg's **PE day is still MONDAY**...however, as we have a double swimming session planned for the next 2 Mondays we will be temporarily moving our PE slot **from Monday afternoon to Friday afternoon** for these 2 weeks only. I will remind you and your child(ren) nearer the time.

## **Forest School/Outdoor Learning**

Although it is no longer our turn to have Forest School, as a Year 5 team we will always try to incorporate the outdoors in our learning, especially as the weather improves and the science topics lend themselves to the outdoors: this terms Science topics include a look at animals and their habitats.

## **Trips**

Trips and visits (although subject to the Covid-19 situation) are hopefully as follows:

- First or second half of Summer Term – Music-related trip to West Suffolk College's new recording studio
- Second half of Summer Term – Drama-related day at the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich. The children will perform sections of William Shakespeare's play 'Much Ado About Nothing' alongside other local schools. There will also be opportunities to see how a modern theatre works, including lighting, sound, scenery and costume.

These have **not** been booked as yet as we are awaiting confirmation of dates etc.

## **Music Festival**

On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, Pot Kiln will be hosting a daytime music and arts festival called Kilnfest. The Year 5s will be performing songs on guitar and there will also be opportunities for other artistic endeavours. Full details will be sent out shortly!

Although we are not always able to chat at length at the start of the day, we are always happy to discuss matters at the end of the day or via SeeSaw.

Please feel free to ask.

Kind regards,

Greg Pemberton & Mrs Knights.