



Pot Kiln Primary School Spring Newsletter

Year 4: Shackleton Class – Mr Gilbert

Introduction: Welcome back everyone. I hope your Easter break was packed full of sunshine friends and family. I have been looking forward to this term since September as the lessons which we have planned are simply amazing. Our learning will take us on an adventure through time to the Mayan civilisation. We will look at: the impact of a Spanish invasion; the importance of the discovery of whole lost cities; simply gruesome sacrifices and so much more. This term our topic is 'The Mayans'. Many of our lessons will be linked to this topic allowing everyone to fully immerse themselves in the learning journey. In music, children will be continuing with their cornet lessons in preparation for a public performance and honing our passing, dribbling, catching and shooting skills in netball and baseball. This term I am also looking forward to lots of outdoor learning. At every opportunity your children will be invited to pick up their books and pencils and take their learning into the sunshine.

Home learning:

Hearing your child read each evening will make a huge difference to their confidence in reading and their ability to develop their reading and comprehension skills. Reading should take between 15 and 20 minutes, 5 times per week and will need to be recorded in their reading logs. Try to question your child about what they have read and challenge their understanding of characters actions. Homework will be set each week and should be uploaded to seesaw before the due in date.

What to bring into school

Please remember, children need a healthy lunch. This could include: a sandwich, drink, yoghurt, cereal bar and fruit. Please remember fizzy drinks and sweets are not permitted.

All stationary equipment will be available for your children in school. However, if your child wishes to bring in their own pencil case please feel free to do so, although I do ask that it is of a reasonable size and stored in their draws or bags.

During PE days – Tuesdays and Fridays - they will need to arrive in their PE Kits with a spare pair of shoes in a bag.

Please also feel free to provide your child with sunscreen for the warm days. However, they will need to be able to apply this themselves.

Volunteers for reading and Timetable support

I am very please to be able to say that our class has a full compliment of dedicated and committed parents. The support you have provided your children really does show and the support which has been offered to the class is simply amazing – Thank you.

If anyone would like to help in school with reading or times table practise, please do come and speak to me so that we can arrange a regular time and space for your support. Thank you to any helpers in advance.