

Summer Term 2017 - Letter for Hound Tor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after Easter, I hope you all had a good holiday.

This term, Hound Tor's topic has a history focus as we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will find out what life was like in Ancient Egypt, learn more about their gods and understand the ritual of mummification.

In Science we will be finding out about living things including plants and the topic web for the term is attached.

Fast Maths: We will start this again this term. We last did it in January when we focused on multiplication, this time the focus will be addition.

Multiplication Tables - Around the World: On Friday the children will be tested on their multiplication tables. Although time is given to learning them in class, you can help your child by going through them together at home. I've been really impressed with the progress all the children have made with this. Thank you for your help.

Reading: Every child will continue in their guided reading group. Some children will find that they are in a different group this term following the assessments at the end of last term. The groups read a mixture of fiction and non fiction and the focus is on understanding the text and using evidence from what they've just read to support inferences, such as showing how a character feels.

Spelling: The children will continue to be given 10 spellings to learn a week, with the test on Friday. The spellings will usually follow a pattern, include words from the Year 3/4 statutory spelling list and high frequency words which they often misspell. Please remember, that although important, spellings are only one part of the writing curriculum and there is much more emphasis on style and actual content when assessing writing.

Homework: Homework will be set on Friday and should be handed in by the following Friday. The first homework for the term is...to make a pyramid!

PE: We are timetabled to do PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoons but please encourage your child to have their PE kit in school every day as this sometimes has to change at short notice.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything.

Best wishes
Miss Critchley