



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and we are pleased to welcome you and your children back to the summer term. We have already got off to a brilliant start with the fantastic falconry display. The whole school topic is the medieval times; Webburn will stay in line with this with the topic "Long, long ago".

In class we will be having a castle/ palace role play with lots of opportunities for dressing up and acting out. If you have any relevant costumes we could borrow for this then these would be appreciated.

We hope to link much of our literacy and numeracy to topic work, for example writing invitations to a medieval banquet and maths problem solving when working out quantities for the menu. Our themed literacy text will be "Tell me a Dragon." This is going to be a fantastic chance to really be imaginative and get engrossed in a fantastic story.

In numeracy, we will work on capacity, soon having some new water play resources that the children can access in choosing (thanks to Friends for funding this). We will also work on fractions, position movement and direction, early multiplication and division. Practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's is really helpful. Opportunities to recognise and work with numbers to 20 for reception, and 100 for year 1 will also be a great support to maths learning.

Our circle time is based on relationships and changes, and we will continue to practise calmness and mindfulness through two short yoga session each week.

In RE our focus is belonging. We will be looking at families, school, clubs etc. We will be going up to look at the inside and outside of the church and learning about it in relation to our medieval topic and look at what is special to Christians. Music is going to be linked to traditional songs from long ago and action songs about kings, queens, castles and dragons. We will experiment with non-tuned percussion instruments

We are hoping to get outside lots for our learning, especially in Science where we will be learning about local plants and flowers. We will learn about what plants need to grow and hopefully growing some of our own.

In PE we will be focusing on manipulation and games skills along with swimming and some athletics.



Our allocated day to swim is a Tuesday but it is useful if your child has their swimming kit at school every day in case we get the opportunity for an extra swim. It is all very much done at the children's own pace and what they feel comfortable with; we see confidence soaring within a matter of weeks. You do not need to provide arm bands or woggles as we have them available, but if for example your child is used to wearing a float back pack, it is fine to send this in. Our swimming sessions are not very long so goggles do not need to be worn for safety reasons (unless your child has sensitivity to chlorine). If you have any queries regarding swimming please do chat to one of us.

Our work in other subjects such as history, geography, ICT, art and design will all be delivered through topic work. Starting with map work.



Just a little reminder that children should bring a named water bottle into school and we encourage them to drink plenty throughout the day (especially now the weather will be getting warmer). We do advise applying sunscreen before the children come to school when the weather really picks up along with a sun hat. Remember to ensure all your child's clothing is clearly named especially with swimming, PE and warmer days. It really does save us lots of time at the end of the day. Widecombe Woodlanders will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you to everyone who has been reading at home, it really does help the children with both building up their knowledge of sight words and also their confidence. Please do write in their reading record books as needed, as we

do read them and feed back praise to the children for their efforts at home. Your child really does need to bring their book bag in every day. This is helpful as we do have a number of reading volunteers who read with the children at least twice a week and change their books (in addition to their guided sessions with a teacher). Please feel free to change your child's books as and when. Ask a member of staff for help if you are unsure. As before we have attached some "I can" sheets for you and your child to complete whenever you like. The children love bringing them in and it's great to celebrate the things they have been achieving at home. Library book exchange day will remain on Friday please ensure your child has their book to return every Friday.

Home learning - We will continue with weekly spellings for year 1. If you can practise them at home over the week this really does help with their Wednesday spelling quiz. It is useful for reception children to continue to regularly look at their letters and sounds for phase 2 and 3, and also to learn their tricky words for phase 2, 3 & 4. New home learning ideas for this term are on their way and will be with you soon. Again they are suggestions and if your child does complete any please send them in or email a photo of what they have done. We would love to celebrate with them. Also any opportunities to write at home, eg cards or shopping lists are great. If your child does any maths or writing freely in their own time, do send this in as well, any time! We would love to see it.

Please feel free to chat to any of us at any time if you have any questions or concerns. If your child comes to school on the bus do feel free to pop a note in their book bag, or call or email school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Dawson, Mrs Perry, Fiona and Katherine.

