

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term. Our aim, as always, will be to work extremely hard to ensure that your child achieves the best they can. Over the page is summary of the work that will be covered this term as well as our specific English and Maths targets. This will give you a thorough insight into what your child will be learning so that you can support them at home as you wish.

Our main topics for this first half term are the Ancient Egyptians in History and Volcanoes in Geography. We will start new topics in Spring 2. Through these topics, we will have a strong emphasis on vocabulary and key skills that can be applied to other areas of History and Geography.

It would be greatly beneficial if you can take the time to discuss any work with your child, and if you or a family member have anything that you feel would be of use to us as we study our topics this term, we would appreciate your support. By the end of the units, we hope your child will have achieved all of their learning targets and had an enjoyable time in the process.

Dates for your Diary, Spring, 2020

PE:	<u>3S</u> Mon/Tues	<u>3T</u> Weds/Thurs	<u>3M</u> Weds/Thurs
Stranger Danger session:		Monday 20 th January	
Valentine's Disco (Lower school 3:30 – 5:00pm):		Thursday 13 th February	
Half term:		Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	
World Book Day :		Thursday 5 th March	
Parents Consultation evening:		Thursday 26 th March	
Reports go home:		Friday 27 th March	
Year 3 Easter production at St. Curthbert's:		Friday 3 rd April at 10am	

As always, please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform, and please make sure it is clean for each school day. Also, ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit for the correct PE day as above. PE days sometimes change and so it is preferential that PE kits are in school every day. Children may bring a water bottle each morning (clearly labelled with their name), as this cuts down disruptions during learning time.

This week, your child will have received a new home learning grid for the Spring term. Home learning books should be in school each Wednesday. Home learning tasks are optional, enjoyable tasks which enhance your child's learning experience in and out of school so we do recommend try to complete as many as possible. Daily spelling practice is actively encouraged and new lists are also in your child's home learning book each week. Reading is **expected daily** and should be recorded in children's reading records – whether it is their AR book or another book they are reading for fun. It is your child's responsibility to organise themselves to make sure that they have everything they need and complete relevant expected tasks, please encourage them to be organised and independent in having the right materials at school on the correct days. If you have any questions or queries about the work your child is doing please do feel free to contact us. If possible, please try to see us at the end of the day, as setting up for the school day and settling the children is a priority in the mornings.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Quinlan

Mr Sutherns

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