

07/09/21

Dear Parents,

I hope your child is looking forward to Year 3/4 in Attenborough. I'm sure they will soon settle in. Our topics for this term include the Romans, Teeth and Digestion. We have an exciting trip booked for September (details to follow) in St Albans to support our learning about the Romans.

Please find below a few points to help answer any questions you may have at the start of term.

Timetable

A timetable will be sent home shortly, showing the subjects. The pupils will also have a copy stuck into their homework diaries. You will be notified of any permanent changes. The timetable may occasionally be subject to a temporary change.

Homework and reading

The children will have their own diaries for homework information to be written into. Homework is set each night. The homework will have been explained during the day and instructions will be on the homework where necessary if it is not already apparent. It will be due in the next day *unless stated otherwise*. The timetable shows which subjects are set each night. There may be times when another subject to that shown on the timetable is sent home, or no homework is set.

Your son/daughter will bring a reading book home each day. Please endeavour to hear your child read each day for at least 5 minutes and discuss the content read. As the books get longer, there is no need to read the whole book in one go! Please sign the reading record book, and write any comments you wish to make. *Books will only be changed when an adult has indicated that it has been read*. There is space in the reading records for you to note any new vocabulary learnt from the book. Levels of reading books will be changed when appropriate. Pupils will start the year at the point where they were on the reading scheme at the end of the previous year, where possible. Levels will be reviewed early in the term once pupils have settled.

Spellings

Spellings will be tested every Friday and a new spellings list given out on Friday. Please make sure the spelling record book is in school each Friday in order for the new list to be added. There is space in the spelling record book for three 'look/cover/write' spelling attempts that should be done across the week prior to the test. Spelling test books will be sent home weekly once they have been marked (usually on Mondays) for you to see the score.

PE/ Games/Swimming

Attenborough have swimming and games on Tuesdays, with gymnastics on Thursdays. We are happy for PE kits to be worn on PE days. Swimming will commence on Tuesday 14th September, please refer to the school uniform policy in the 'Policies' section on the school website for kit details.

Equipment

Please ensure that your child has a basic pencil case in school, this needs to fit inside your child's school tray so no super large cases please! Pencil cases should stay at school where possible and not go home each day. Named equipment should include a pencil, a spare pencil, rubber, sharpener, a glue stick, a selection of colour pencils and a 30 cm ruler, all of which should be plain and standard. A sensible book from home to read in reading sessions can come into school, please ensure you name it.

Please remind your child that other personal items, such as toys, are not allowed at school and any will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

A named water bottle should come into school each day. These should go home each day for washing to maintain good hygiene. Limited bottles are available from school via Mrs May.

Uniform

Please check that your child has the correct school uniform and coat (all clearly named) in accordance with the school policy, this includes correct hair accessories for the girls. Long hair should be tied back during the school day. If wearing earrings, please ensure that they are plain gold studs only.

Communication

Please feel free to contact me by a short note in the homework diary or you may email on attenborough@longwoodschool.co.uk. Please note emails may not be answered immediately. For urgent matters please contact the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rastrick