



HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to the start of the new term. I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed the family time together. We have some really exciting work planned for this half term; hopefully your child/children has come home talking about some of the interesting things that have already happened.



Year 3 and 4 have already taken part in food tasting, a feely box game and investigated the animals of the rainforest in our woodland area. Redgrave class tricked me and asked me to put my hand in one of the boxes - it was a shed snakeskin and I really couldn't guess what it was! Year 5 and 6 have had a fake police crime scene in school. Although they knew it wasn't real, it provoked some great ideas about what had happened.

Please look out for your child's Learning Map coming home this week. This explains what they will be learning throughout this half term; the books they will be reading, some vocabulary that they will be using and some ideas for home learning. It would be great if you could discuss their topic with them as this would really help to embed their knowledge.

Miss Wharton

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 10th January:
Attendance badges given out

Friday 17th January:
Photography forms due back

Monday 10th February – Friday 14th February
Year 6 residential trip to Osmington Bay

ATTENDANCE BADGES

Green, emerald and diamond attendance badges for last term will be given out tomorrow.

RED	AMBER	Green	Emerald	Diamond
90% or Less	90.1% - 94.9%	95% – 95.9%	96% or above	100%
Persistent Absence	Poor Attendance	Ok Attendance	Good Attendance	Perfect Attendance

PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORMS

In order to update our records, a new photography consent form was sent home with students yesterday. Please complete this and return to the school office by **Friday 17th January 2020**.



CLASS IN FOCUS – 3/4 FRASER

On Tuesday, Year 3/4 had an exciting launch of their new topic, **'Why is the rainforest important to us?'** They began the day taking on the role of animal detectives as they searched through the maze in pursuit of hidden rainforest animals accompanied by five interesting facts about them. We even shocked a few unsuspecting members of staff who had to do a double-take when they saw a leopard hiding in the bushes! Then, they recreated a child-friendly version of an 'I'm a Celebrity' trial, bravely putting their hands into boxes using their fantastic vocabulary to describe the items inside. A firm favourite across the year group (and one which nobody was able to guess) was a real snakeskin. Finally, the children sampled some of the rainforests most delectable fruits, and this was a clear favourite task in Fraser Class where several children had never tasted many of the fruits before. Ask your child to describe to you how a passion fruit looked or how the dragon fruit tasted! The classes are now looking forward to learning all about the amazing rainforest, we are sure that you will be hearing lots about it!



HOMEWORK

All children will be receiving log in cards to access their homework tasks which will be set weekly and checked. Please keep a look out for these. The websites are:

Bug Club ~ activelearningprimary.co.uk

Spelling Shed ~ spellingshed.com

Times table rock stars ~ trockstars.com

ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE TAKE CARE AND WALK SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL