

Cunningham Hill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for the lovely gifts, cards and good wishes at the end of last term. We are now looking forward to an interesting, rewarding and fun spring term!

Equipment

We would like to remind parents that children must be properly equipped for school at all times. A fully equipped pencil case with black or blue, labelled '**frixion**' roller ball pen and a P.E. kit with appropriate, **labelled** sportswear both help to avoid a lot of disruption.

Homework & Planner

We strongly believe that completing the expected homework tasks has an extremely positive impact on the children's learning.

Your child should read for 15 minutes at least 5 times a week and this should involve discussion of the text and comprehension style questioning. The reading should be recorded in your child's yellow planner. Children are expected to continue their quick recall of times tables and mental maths facts. This can be through use of online programmes the school has subscribed to, such as **Numbergym and Times Tables Rockstars**, as well as other methods.

A weekly **compulsory** Maths homework task will be set, which reflects the work they have been completing in class. This will be either on MyMaths or on a printed sheet. Paper copies will be given to those children who do not have access to a computer at home.

An **optional** homework grid will be provided, with a range of tasks to compliment and extend classroom learning. Please ensure homework books are brought into school so this grid can be added. This will also be posted on Google Classroom and children have the choice of how they would prefer to hand in tasks.

Children should have their **planners and reading books** in school **every day**. Planners may also be used as a further means of communication between home and school, as well as a place to record daily home reading. This must be signed and handed in each Friday. There will be a consequence for those who fail to do this repeatedly. If you have a pressing message, please feel free to write it in the planner and ask your child to give it directly to us on any day of the week.

Spring Curriculum

Ongoing Literacy and Maths plans are available on the School website.

- Science** - Forces, Properties and changes of materials. Scientific Enquiry
- R.E** - Judaism and Christianity – Beliefs and practices/ Identity and Belonging
- Music** - Singing songs from West Africa and playing the djembe
Composing songs and raps using Garageband
- Geography** - Local area study
- History** - Crime and Punishment (Life since 1066)
- Computing** - Concept mapping and Online Safety
- Art** - Street Art
- D&T** - Healthy Alternatives - Bolognaise
- P.E** - Sportshall Athletics, Netball, Gymnastics
- PSHE** - Dreams and Goals & Healthy Me
- Skillsbuilder Focus**– Creativity, Aiming High, and Staying Positive
- French** - My Home & What's the Date?

Visits and Trips

- St Albans Courtroom visit** – *History on Trial*– 7th Feb (a letter will confirm details)
- Local Study Trip/Chill-Out:** Spring 2 – (date tbc)
- Highfield Park Chill Out day:** 27th March

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Dickinson, Mr Harrison & Ms Lusby