

Dear parents,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We all at Ancaster hope you have had an amazing summer holiday and are as excited as all the staff here about the return of your children to school for the year ahead. The children have come back full of love and readiness for the challenges that lie in year 3. We are going to be learning about some extremely exciting things in the Autumn term, unlocking doors on the path ahead for the children being the best that they can possibly be. We have already started our novel study on 'The Accidental Prime Minister' by Tom McLaughlin, which has had members of Class China in stitches. As always, if you want to have a look at what the children are learning, please take a look at the curriculum overview page on the school website. As always, if you wish to contact a member of Class China, we will be available at school drop-off time at 8:45am or email me directly. The adults are looking forward to a wonderful and enriching year with your children.

Homework:

As well as reading with your child within the week, your child will be expected to complete a piece of homework that will be handed out every Friday and will need to be handed in on the following Thursday. The homework will alternate between English and Maths and this will start from Friday 17th September.

Home Reading:

Your child has a carefully selected banded reading book. Please ensure that you listen to your child read. Once your child has read a passage from their book, why not ask them a question about what they've read, act out a scene from the book or role-play as a central character. This way, you can see what your child has remembered and understood from what they have read. Please record any reading in the child's daily reading record.

Autumn Curriculum:

This term we will be covering:

- English - Texts linked to our topic 'Prehistoric Britain'.
- Novel study - 'The Accidental Prime Minister' by Tom McLaughlin
- Maths - Time, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction
- Science - Rocks and Soils
- RE - God/Hinduism
- PSHE - Beginning and Belongings
- PE - Ball skills and Fundamental skills
- Computing - Algorithms
- History - Prehistoric Britain
- Art - Cave paintings
- MFL - Numbers 1-10 and greetings
- Music - 'Let Your Spirits Fly'

Physical Education - PE:

PE will take place every Wednesday (outdoors) and Thursday (indoors) afternoon. The children are now being allowed to get changed at school. Please ensure the PE kit is named. As we enter Autumn, please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform for the weather that may be presented when we are due to be outdoors on a Wednesday.

We hope you find this information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions or matters to discuss.

Many thanks,

Mr Bignell and Class China Team