

Cypress Group Update

Dear Parents

Happy New Year!!

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. Our topic this term is Countries of the World.

What will we be doing in school?

What you could do together at home...

Science

We will be learning about the causes and effects of extreme weather conditions around the world.

You could talk to your child about the different types of weather conditions in other countries. You could encourage your child to watch the weather forecast on television.

Literacy

We will be reading Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief as a class. We will also be focussing on our comprehension skills. We will continue to listen to the children read and talk to them about their books.

Continue to share stories and books. Ask them simple questions about what they have read, such as 'how is this character feeling?' Encourage your child to tell you as much as they can remember about the Percy story we are reading in class.

Art

We are going to look at different flags and create our own using different patterns and textures.

Sit and draw and/or colour pictures together. Look at different flags and talk about the designs.

PSHE

We will be continuing our Sex and Relationships Education.

Encourage your child to talk about their lessons and answer any questions they may have.

Maths

We will look at learning our Multiplication tables off by heart and at using them to help us with division. We are going to look at the 2's and 3's first. We will also look again at written methods for addition and subtraction.

Practice times tables with your child at home. Write the facts on post it notes and display them around the house. Ask them two or three quick fire times tables questions a few times a day.

We have attached our weekly timetable for you. Please note:



Swimming - every Monday

Cypress Group will continue swimming on Monday mornings. Please send your child into school every Monday with:

- swimming trunks
- a towel
- shower gel/shampoo/deodorant(if needed)



PE - every Friday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. Please send in deodorant as we do get very hot and sweaty. We will send the PE kit home every half-term for you to wash.

This half -term we are doing gymnastics.



Waterproof Clothing

We did ask that you send in a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat, simply because the children still love playing outside even in the rain and we cannot let them go out if they are inappropriately clothed. It also means that we can still go out for a walk in all weathers. If your child doesn't wear wellies don't worry about sending them in, perhaps a spare pair of trainers would do?

Home-School Book

We will write important messages to you regarding your child as needed. We also often write about things that your child has done well. We will also put important letters in the book.

Please read the book every day.

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The Cypress Teaching Team