

Class Tamar News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class Tamar. We are looking forward to the term ahead. Our whole school question that will be covered across a number of subjects is 'How do we learn?'.

This newsletter will give you an overview of class expectations. Please see the knowledge maps that will come out soon for details of what we will be covering this half term.

Please read the **weekly newsletter** for forthcoming events and dates.

This half term, please can you send in your child to school in their PE kit (white t-shirt, dark shorts/jogging bottoms, trainers and school jumper) on a Monday and Wednesday.

Homework:

Reading – Reading is being prioritised across the whole school. It is imperative that all children in class Tamar read aloud at least **5 times a week** to an adult at home and record this with the adult's signature in their reading journals. Reading records will be checked **daily**. This will run alongside the Bookquest scheme, so children still need to read a variety of genres and will continue to gain Bookquest certificates.

Maths – The children will each be given a mental arithmetic booklet. They will need to complete one exercise each week. Please ensure they only spend 20 minutes completing as much as they can. If they are stuck they can just move on to the next question. They do not have to complete the entire sheet but must do as much as they can in the time. Please can this be completed independently so we know what they can do. If you do assist please make a note. This will need to be handed each **Thursday** and it will be sent home again on **Friday**.

Spellings – Spellings will be given out on a **Friday**. They need to practice these using the spelling games ideas given or their own. An entry needs to be made in the front of their Spelling book detailing how they have practised, signed by an adult. This will be checked on a **Thursday** and they will be tested that day.

From time to time, whole school homework will also be given to link in with whole school topics as well as local/national/global events. A description of the homework given will usually be put on the class page of the website with spare resources on the notice board in the classroom.

If you have **any concerns** about your child's time in school please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment to see myself or Mrs Norton when we can give the matter our full attention.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Green

Class teacher