



Welcome to Sapphire class.



This term our topics are Prehistoric World followed by Fizz, Crack, Bang!

In Prehistoric World, we will be looking at the different stages in prehistory such as the Stone Age and Iron Age. In literacy, we will look at monster and dinosaur poetry as well as information texts all about dinosaurs using the book Harry and his Bucket full of Dinosaurs as a starting point. In PE we will be honing our cave man skills practising our throwing, jumping and running techniques ready to catch our food!

Fizz, Crack Bang looks at the Great Fire of London as well as Bonfire Night. We will also look at festivals around the world that include light and sound. In literacy, we will be looking at traditional tales and fables and in science we will investigate the properties of materials. In PE we will be exploring our creative side by choreographing a fire dance.

Our P.E. lessons are on a Wednesday and Friday but it would be a great help if the children bring their P.E. kits in on Monday and take them home on Friday, just in case we have any impromptu P.E. sessions.

Homework will be in the form of spellings and times tables to practise (these will be tested in school on a Tuesday for spellings and Wednesday for times tables). The children will also take home handwriting sheets to show you how we form our letters in school. These are for you to keep at home and practise and do not need to be returned. Other homework will be set once the children have settled back into school and will be as and when required.

Obviously, there will be some differences to your child coming back to school in these very unusual times. In the morning our drop off time is 9.15am and you will need to say goodbye to your child at the gates and let them walk into school by themselves. The year 2 pick-up time is at 3pm (unless you have an older child to collect as well) not the normal 3.20pm. One adult will be allowed onto the playground to collect your child through the main school gates.

Please do not send your child into school with any extra equipment / toys etc. Reading books, because they need to travel to and from school, need to be isolated before they can be reused, therefore, we will only be changing your child's books on a Monday and a Friday. If you would like 2 books to cover the period please feel free to ask.

Feel free to read other books you have at home with your child, reading is reading whether it is comics or books! Also, we will soon have the new Accelerated reading scheme up and running giving you online books for your child to read.

If you have any questions you want me to answer, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in anticipation of all your help and support over the next year.

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