11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

A happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone enjoyed a great break and I am sure that the children are looking forward to an exciting and challenging term.

In English, we will be learning about the use of language in persuasive texts and writing our own narratives based on the text *Pig-Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman. In maths we will focus on written multiplication and learn to calculate using fractions and decimals.

Spellings and times tables will continue to be given on Fridays and tested on Thursdays (spelling) and Fridays (x tables). Please encourage your child to practise these each day. Your child will have guided reading once a week and home learning will be discussed and set during the session. Work from the class home learning grid should continue to be completed either weekly for Y5 or fortnightly for Y4 pupils, and returned on Tuesdays. Due dates for the home learning grid pieces can be found on the home learning grid sheet itself. This, and supporting resources, will be available on the school website.

In science our areas of study will include *Light* and *Electricity* but as part of our whole-school topic, *Healthy Me, Healthy You, Healthy Us*, we will also revisit the areas of health and disease that were introduced with our active science units last term. There will also be a focus on wellbeing as well as how humans interact with, and can care for, the environment. In art, we will learn to use art pencils to draw still life arrangements and create some pop art food-based prints. Finally, we will design and create a healthy dish as we learn about nutritional values in food.

Games will continue to be taught by Cambridge United staff on a Wednesday morning and P.E. will continue to be on Friday afternoon.

As you can see we have a very busy term ahead of us – including the KS2 production at the end of the term! If you have any expertise you think would be of benefit, please contact me via the school office. Similarly, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to discuss them with me by arranging an appointment with the school office.

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to the term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr. Neil Lloyd
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