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Welcome to Central Class!

Autumn Term One

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer. We are super excited to begin this term with Central and get back into our school routine! On a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Baker (formally Mrs Brown) will be covering my PPA time, and I will not be in school on a Thursday. The class will be taught by Miss Lambe every Thursday alongside Miss Burns and Mrs Osborne, please message the appropriate staff if needed, so that urgent messages are picked up.

Topic

This term in Central class we are exploring a new topic entitled 'Maps of the World'. The topic includes finding out about the different continents, the countries within them and where these are located on a map. We will be finding out about what physical/human features makes these places unique and why each of them are important to human life. We will also be thinking about the oceans of the world and locating these as well.



Reading and Literacy

We always try to encourage a love of reading as much as possible within school. One way we do this is through text-based writing, which means that we have a book we read together and use in our literacy lessons. To start the term off, we will be looking at 'Myths across the world' by Anthony Horowitz before moving on to another lovely story called 'The Last Polar Bears' by Harry Horse.

Within literacy, we will be focusing on diary writing, writing a recount, poetry and non-chronological reports.



Please ensure that your child is reading at home **every** night, as well as recording their reading in their reading records. Children will take AR tests throughout the week with books usually being changed by Wednesday so please ensure these are being brought back into school. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday with homework, spelling tests are the following Friday mornings.

Maths

We will be starting off the term learning all about place value and number. Children will have daily arithmetic questions as a maths starter to spend 10 minutes on for practice, as well as daily reasoning and problem-solving questions and challenges. As part of the government scheme, in June 2024, Y4 children will be carrying out a times tables test which we will be starting to practice this year. For this, children need to know all their times tables up to the 12 times tables. Sumdog is an excellent way of practicing this, if you can please ensure your children are using this that would help a lot. If you have any problems with Sumdog, please let me know.

Science

In Science, we are moving on to a new topic all about animals including humans. We will be learning all about topics such as 'the main 5 food groups', 'what is the digestive system?', 'animal diets' and much more. We will be using our class science question box to think of anything to do with science that your children would like to know more about!

P.E

Within P.E. this term, we shall be focusing on activities on a **Tuesday** with Mrs Baker, and another curriculum area with JB Sports on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit on those days if they are not keeping them in school, although we encourage PE kits to be left in school now. Please also ensure that your child does not wear earrings and that long hair is tied up on PE days.

Key Dates –

- 13th September – school council elections
- 15th September – celebration assembly begins.
- w/c 18th September – Clubs begin.
- 10th October – Hello Yellow day and Viking link will be in to work with Central and Phoenix during the afternoon.
- 13th October – Central class's learning during celebration assembly
- 16th October – Parents Evening

There will be more dates to look out for on the Emmaus federation newsletter.

Key Information

- Please ensure that children are bringing in the correct PE kit on the relevant days.
- I'm not in school on a Thursday, so please message Miss Lambe should you need to that day.

It will be an exciting and busy term, lots of fun things to look forward to!

Many Thanks,
Central team 😊

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