

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Dear Parents,

As an eventful spring term draws to a close, we are already planning opportunities for an inspiring learning experience for the final term of the year. We have a number of new interesting topics to learn about, so we have been busy planning for the coming months.

So that your child is prepared for their day in school, could you please ensure that they have one named pencil case stocked with pencils, eraser, ruler, sharpener, glue stick and colouring pencils (all named please). Felt-tipped pens and gel pens are not required and are best left at home. Pencil cases will be sent home each holiday to be re-stocked as necessary. Children's uniform should also be clearly labelled so that any lost items can be returned quickly. Please could you also ensure that PE kits and trainers are available in school every day and, once again, that they are clearly labelled. Hampton class have the opportunity to go swimming every Thursday. Boys will need swimming trunks (not shorts) and girls require a one-piece costume. All need to be named please. Goggles can also be worn.

Finally, all children will need a named water bottle with a sports cap so that they can drink in class whenever they wish to. Your co-operation in helping your child to be fully resourced is really appreciated and helps the school day to run smoothly.

Our Geography topic will be Using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the continents and oceans. We will also learn about the History of the local area and visit the Ightham Mote to bring our learning to life. Details of dates and costing will be provided nearer the time. In Science we will explore Animal Habitats & study plants, with a focus on functions of its different parts. Homework will be linked to these topics, as well as to the maths and English curriculum. As always, your support with homework will benefit the children immensely. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about the tasks sent home.

We have planned the following enrichment opportunities for the children. Details of these events will be made available nearer the time.

16th April: Poetry based creative day

18th May: Royal Wedding Tea Party

W/b 4th July: DT week (Bridges)

2nd July: Bible exhibition at Hildenborough

4th July: Visit to the Ightham Mote

17th July: Whole school trip to Knockhatch

In the summer term 2018, children at the end of Key Stage 1 will sit new SATs papers. That means that if your child is in Year 2, they will be taking the SATs test.

At the end of Year 2, children will take SATs in:

- Maths
- English
- SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar)

Details and practice papers can be found on-line.

You have recently had the opportunity to visit us and discuss your child's progress and targets. However, should you have any concerns then please pop in after school or make an appointment via Mrs Headon in the office.

It has been lovely to see all the children of Shipbourne School participate enthusiastically in the Easter assembly in the church. We wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Easter. We hope you have a restful break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 16th April.

Mrs Pattanshetti

Homework Schedule

- 15 minutes reading daily. Reading to be recorded (and signed) in reading-record books
- Practise times tables and spellings for the weekly tests (spelling test on Wed, Times tables test will **now be on a Wednesday**)
- English/ maths/ topic homework set on Thursday
- Homework due back on Tuesday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 minutes reading	15 minutes reading English/ maths/ topic homework books returned to school.	15 minutes reading Times tables test Spelling test	15 minutes reading English/ maths/ topic homework sent home. (Mathletics/ Mental Maths books will also be used periodically.)	15 minutes reading mental maths test

PE

Hampton Class will continue to have PE on Wednesday and Swimming on Thursday afternoon at Carrot Wood. In June, we will begin Tennis lessons. Please ensure children have the correct kit in school all the time.