

Welcome back!

It was such a pleasure to welcome the children back on Tuesday and we have had a wonderful first week back in school! The children's behaviour and attitudes to learning have been exemplary and I hope that they have enjoyed being back as much as I have. Below outlines some important information regarding the school year.

Homework

Your child will be sent home with homework every Friday which is due for completion by the following Thursday. The tasks will include 10 weekly spellings, which will be tested every week (Friday). There will be a number of the week sheet and often some Maths or English work that will consolidate the learning that has occurred during the week. Each half term, a separate letter will be sent to you containing information regarding the work they will be completing in class. We ask that your child completes one/two pieces of work that relate to one of our exciting topics that term. For instance, in the first term, we will be studying mountains so your child could draw or create a mountain using paints or recycled materials. They could also make a powerpoint or quiz all about mountains of the world for their classmates. At the end of the term, children will be giving each other feedback on their efforts and will showcase their work.

Twitter

We love to share pictures and details of our learning on our class and school twitter pages. This is a great way for you to see what we are doing on a weekly basis and communicate any activities or work that may have been completed at home. The details of these pages are as follows:

OPAG school page: **@OPA_Greystone**

Year 4/5 page: **@OPAG_Year4and5**

Please do complete the twitter permission form and return to the office as soon as possible.

Reading

To support your child's reading development, it is essential for your child to read aloud regularly at home. I ask for your child to read a minimum of three times per week for 10-15 minutes. If your child has a book that they are currently enjoying reading at home, I am happy for them to bring this into school with them. If possible, could they have their names inside the books to ensure their book is easily identifiable. Your child will soon be receiving a reading book and a planner from school too, please complete these records whenever your child reads at home. At school, your child will read to an adult 1-1 at least once per week alongside daily group guided reading sessions.

Club

Your child is invited to attend art/drawing club on a Tuesday after school. This club is available to the year 4/5 class bubble only to ensure that no bubble mixing occurs. The club will begin on 15/09/20 and the finish time is 4.15pm. If your child would like to attend, please complete the form sent home previously.

PE

Our PE days this year are Tuesday and Thursday. For this, the children will require their full PE kit (purple t-shirt, black shorts, pumps, trainers and a jacket).

Thank you for your continued support during these testing times. I am very excited to be teaching your child/children again this year!

Thank you,

Miss Carmichael