

Welcome back!

It is my pleasure to welcome all of your children back to school and into our class. These past few days have been exciting and a bit confusing, but a huge amount has to be said for the incredible effort put in by each one of the children. We have had a week full of learning, interacting and getting back together as a cohort. The children have all settled in fantastically and have been adhering very closely to our new hand-washing routine, at our brand new outdoor sinks! In this letter, there is some important information for the year ahead.

Reading

In welcoming the children back to school, we have started our new topic and class books for this half term. The children have been excited to continue the adventures of David Walliams' 'Ice Monster' with Mrs Sutton, as well as taking a trip down memory lane with 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl, with myself. I would ask your children to be reading a minimum of three times a week for 10-15 minutes (or more) at a time. If your child has a book at home which they enjoy, I am more than happy for them to bring this into school with them. However, if they choose to do this I ask that their name be written on the inside and that they take it home with them each day. Your child will also be given a planner next week, which needs to come to and from school with them every day – please fill in these records when your child has been reading at home. At school, your child will be reading 1:1 with an adult at least once a week, alongside daily guided reading sessions with the rest of the class.

Homework

Your child will be given homework every Tuesday, which needs to be completed by the following Monday. There will be a 'number of the week' maths activity, as well as maths or English work to consolidate the learning that has taken place in our class that week. They will also receive 10 spellings, which will be tested each week (Tuesday). Each half term an additional letter will be sent home detailing our topic-themed homework project. For example, this half term our topic will be the study of rivers and their path through Europe. We will also be looking at the water cycle and the science of how we get rain, as well as drawing some of our favourite landscapes using a range of mediums. This gives your child opportunity for art, sculpture and English possibilities, which I cannot wait to see in our end-of-half-term showcase.

Twitter:

If you would like to keep up with what we are doing over the week, you can follow our Twitter pages, where we post photos and videos of what we have been up to. The available pages are as follows:

Class page: **@OPAG_Year3_4**

School page: **@OPA_Greystone**

If you have not signed a Twitter permissions form, or would like to change the status of your child, please ask for a form.

Club:

This half term I invite your child to attend an arts and craft club each Thursday afternoon (3:15-4:15). This will be exclusively with our Year 3/4 bubble to ensure that no bubble mixing occurs. The club will begin on 17/9/20. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form previously sent home.

PE:

During this half term, our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, so please make sure to send your child/children with the appropriate kit on these days. This half term, your children will need their full PE kit (purple T-shirt, black shorts, trainers and a jacket).

Thank you for your support in these uncertain times. I am delighted to welcome your children back to school and into my class!

Miss Watkin