



Ardstraw Jubilee Primary School



Dear Parent,

Another new school year is upon us. As you know year 3 and year 4 are a large class of boys and girls and I am looking forward to getting to know the P3's over the next school year.

This week I am testing your child's words and hearing them read a little. During the summer holidays your child's reading and quick recall of high frequency words can regress a little. To ease them back into reading I normally give your child a few books that they have already read. This is to build up their confidence and word recognition again.

Guided Reading

Your child will take part in guided reading sessions during the week. Your child's guided reading book will come home in a plastic wallet. Please read this book with your child and comment in their reading record or their homework diary. Please ensure this book is kept in your child's bag every day. They will be collected and changed on their next guided reading session. These books are part of a set. Please take care of them.

Homework

Your child will be starting their written homework next week on Monday 10th September. On a Monday and Wednesday your child will have a maths activity or sheet to complete. On a Tuesday and Thursday your child will have a literacy homework. This homework will encompass their spellings and other aspects of literacy. They will also have a PATHS homework on a regular basis.

Year 3's will have number bonds to go over nightly and Y4's will initially go over number bonds and move on to early times tables.

Spellings

This year your child will have spellings activities daily in the classroom and you can reinforce these at home using the look, cover, write and check method. I will also send home a handout on other spelling strategies to help your child to learn their spellings. They will have a list of their spellings in their bag.

Literacy Focus

We are also putting a greater focus on the standard of literacy presentation in class and spelling. It would be great if you could encourage your child to take care and time over their literacy homework. To focus on good quality writing, using finger spaces, full stops, capital letters, grammar, writing on the line, using child friendly dictionaries to check spellings etc.

Target Folder

Each child has a target folder. This contain words that they are working on and maybe areas that they need extra reinforcement. It also may contain targets for Accelerated Reader if your child is completing this programme.

P.E.

We will be having a long session of P.E. on Thursday mornings. Your child can come to school in their P.E. gear and then they can change into their school uniform after. It is very important that all of your child's clothes (uniform and P.E gear) are labelled. This makes it easier to manage if there is a mix up of clothing or if it gets mislaid. Year 4 also have a PE session on Monday afternoons.

Library

Your child will also get the chance to choose a book or two from the school library every week. Our library day will be Tuesday for Y3 and Friday for Y4. If this day changes I will let you know.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and talk with me. If you can't make it into school, you can ring or write a little note in your child's reading or homework diary.

Yours,
Mrs. Alison Porter and Mrs. Alexander
Mrs. Nethery (Classroom Assistant)