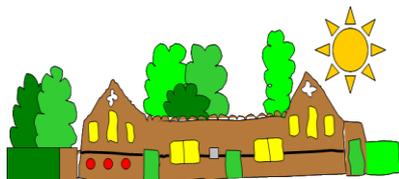


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back

Welcome back to another busy term at Hackleton. Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. I know the children were all ready for a rest, so hopefully they will be raring to go again.

This term is particularly busy and important because we aim to get the children working hard and prepared for the end of Key Stage assessments in May. As always, I will be trying my best to ensure the curriculum is balanced and varied, however we need to make sure the children are as ready as possible to show their full potential in the SATs.

Our topic is a geography based topic on Ethiopia. The children will find out about where it is and what it is like there, life in the towns and countryside, natural resources, jobs and quality of life.

Our English work will be mostly linked to our new class text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We will be reading it as a class over the term and drawing on themes and ideas from the book to produce our own writing.

In science, we will be looking at evolution of animals, inherited features and key scientists in this field. After half term the topic will change to the classification of living things including micro-organisms, plants and animals by observing their differences and similarities.

Spellings – Spelling tests are on a Thursday and the new set of spellings are given out directly after the test. For this reason it is important that the children have the **yellow spelling book** in school on a Thursday. Lists are being lost and some children are not able to build up a bank of spellings.

Reading – I would like the children to **always** have a reading book with them in school. This can be selected from home or the school library. The library is open from 8.45 – 8.55am and every lunchtime for year 6 children. The children should be reading **at least 5 times a week** at home and must have their **reading record** signed and in school every Monday.

Homework – Homework is set every Thursday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. It consists of a piece of English work and a maths activity. This is in addition to regular reading and spelling practice.

PE/Games – Friday afternoons. We have reminded the children that **it is their responsibility to get this kit organised in order to prepare for life in secondary school and to show some independence.**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support this year.

Kind regards

Jo Roberts

