

***Jesus promised, "I came that you may have life and have it to the full."
John 10:10***



*Every child at Fladbury will know they are loved by God, have a **happy heart** and be part of a flourishing, well-led school. When they leave Fladbury, they will be well-prepared to meet challenges, confident in their abilities and look forward to their **bright futures** with an **open mind**.*

SPRING TERM 2023-2024 **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Elm Class Year 1/2**

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. We are really looking forward to the new Spring term. This term we are lucky to have a student teacher, Miss Bartley, with us from next week until Easter. Miss Bartley is in the final year of her teacher training degree, and we are really pleased to have her join the team.

To kick off our English this half term, we have been looking at the brilliant picture book *The Disgusting Sandwich* by Gareth Edwards. We will be writing our own disgusting sandwich stories to begin with, before designing and writing instructions for making our own (hopefully delicious!) sandwiches closer to half term. Our focus is still on ensuring the basics of consistent punctuation and correct letter formation, but we will also be looking at using ambitious adjectives, verbs, and adverbs in the coming weeks.

In Maths, our first unit of the term is money. We will be learning to identify different coins and notes, counting pounds and pence then solving two-step problems. We will then move onto Multiplication and Division. We will be focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times table, using arrays, grouping and sharing.

Our Science topic this term is Animals including Humans. We will be looking at ways to keep our bodies healthy and active, as well as learning about the life cycles of different living things. This is always a really fun and interesting unit to teach, and we know that the children will be really engaged with this as they are already so knowledgeable about animals.

In Geography we will be learning about our local area - Fabulous Fladbury! We will be looking at the different features of Fladbury and different types of buildings and their uses. Using maps and compasses, we will go on a walk around the village and take a picnic which we will be designing, making and evaluating in DT.

After half term the children will be having a weekly ukulele lesson which will be taught by a specialist music teacher. Children will be given a ukulele that they can take home and practise with.

A few handy reminders for the term:

We read with the children 1:1 throughout the week in addition to their daily phonics lessons. This can happen at any point in the week, so please ensure that your child has their reading books and reading record in school every day. When your child has read with a member of staff, they will use a pink pen to comment in their reading record.

Reading at home has a massive impact on children's progress across the curriculum. We know that life is busy and it can sometimes be difficult to find the time, but even ten minutes a day a few times a week is enough to make a difference.

PE will still be on a Monday and Wednesday. This term we are swimming on a Monday, so children will need a swimming costume, towel, goggles, and preferably a swimming cap. On Wednesdays, we will be doing dance and gymnastics, so children will need shorts and a T shirt. PE kits will remain at school and be sent home at half term to be washed.

Children wearing earrings will need to either remove them for PE, or bring in plasters/tape from home to cover them. We do not have this tape in school.

We will be continuing our outdoor learning sessions on a Thursday afternoon. It is really chilly at the moment, and children are getting very cold feet in their wellies. It would be great if you could send in hats, gloves, and some nice thick socks as well as warm layers, to help the children stay comfortable whilst outside.

Dojo messages are the easiest and quickest way to communicate with us, although you can also of course speak to us in person at the door, or via telephone. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Haines, Mrs Pemberton, Mrs Mobley and Miss Pope
