Autumn 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new topic is…Make A Change.

During this half term the children will be exploring a variety of topical issues that they could have an impact on – if they make a change. They will be reading and watching a range of adverts, from individual issues such as screen time and healthy eating to worldwide topics such as endangered animals and plastics in the ocean. The children will discuss the impact that these issues have and how **they** can do something to make a change.

**Diary Dates:**

* **Monday 3rd November** – Autumn 2 begins
* **Monday 3rd November** - Parents Evening bookings open. Book online. Please go into or contact the office if you have any issues
* **Wednesday 12th November** – Parents evening 3:30-6.30pm
* **Thursday 14th November** – Parents evening 3:30-5:00pm
* **Friday 28th November** – INSET DAY – school closed for pupils
* **Wednesday 3rd December** – School Panto
* **Friday 5th December** - KS1 nativity dress rehearsal to KS2
* **Wednesday 10th December** – Christmas Fayre from 3.30pm - more information to come
* **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Jumper Day, full non-uniform
* **Thursday 18th December** – KS2 Carol Concert 2:30 & 6pm, all children are expected to attend **both** concerts
* **Friday 19th December** – Last day of term

**Please keep an eye out in Mr McGinley’s weekly newsletter for other events, further details or changes that may happen**

**Things to remember:**

* Your child will continue to have PE on a **Monday** and therefore they will need **full** P.E. kit, This can be kept in school until the next holiday.
* Swimming continues every **WEDNESDAY** afternoon. They should bring in swimwear, towel and their own goggles if they want to. Earrings MUST be removed- it is the policy of White Meadows swim school. Please tie hair up in simple hairbands.
* If your child has an earring/earrings in they need to ideally **remove them** or cover them with medical tape (**please provide this in your child’s P.E. bag**) during P.E., students will not be allowed to participate in P.E. without doing so.
* Please remember that we are still a paperless school wherein letters are emailed, thus it is vital you check your emails/messages on a regular basis. As ever, copies of any mislaid letters can be obtained from the office.

**Homework Reminder:**

**Reading at Home**

Reading is a vital part of the children’s education and it is expected that they read **at least** three times a week, whether that is to an adult or by themselves. **If your child is still on colour books then reading daily is heavily advised**. Reading certificates will be awarded in celebration assemblies for the number of times the children have read and to monitor this the children or adults will need to record this in their reading record, numbering each entry: 50 entries – bronze reading award, 100 entries – silver reading award, 200 entries – gold reading award. The children need to let us know as reading books may not checked routinely by Year 4. Or you may wish to send in a note or email if your child has reached a number of reads. Many thanks with your support with this. Children are heard read in reading and other lessons where they read aloud or with a buddy.

**Spellings and Mental Maths (including times tables)**

* **Spellings** – children will practise their spellings every night using the **look, say, cover, write, check** technique. Children will receive a new set of spellings every Tuesday and will be tested the following Tuesday. In class we will continue to do work on these words every day for short periods of time. Please encourage neat handwriting in black or blue pen- no felt tips or highlighters please in the homework books.
* **Timestables.co.uk** – the children use this every day in class to practise their multiplication tables for their **Mental Magicians and also in readiness for the MTC in June.** The site can be accessed on computers, tablets or mobile phones so please encourage your children to practise as often as they can. With the MTC coming up, this should be priority.
* **My Maths** – A task will continue to be set on this platform every week to be completed by the following Tuesday. It will be work they have been working on in class or need to practise.

**Reading Focus this half term:**

The children will be reading and watching a variety of adverts and campaigns that highlight global issues. The reading focus will be how authors use vocabulary and language for affect.

**Key reading questions:**

* Why has this issue been raised?
* How can you explain what the advert is about?
* What attracts you to this advert?
* In what way does the illustrations help support the text?
* What vocabulary do you feel is powerful within the text?

As always, thank you for all your support. If you have any concerns, worries or issues then please come to us as your first port of call. You can email via the office or on [cwoods18@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:cwoods18@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk) (I will endeavour to reply as soon as is possible.

Kind regards

The Year 4 Team