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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Norwood Primary School after the break for Summer. I hope you are all well and I would like to welcome you personally on behalf of myself and the Year 3 team. A new start for all of us this year, with the children starting a new Key Stage and a new Curriculum, and of course, myself arriving as a new teacher to the school.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – *Transport*

Our theme for the first half term is Transport. To launch our theme we will be spending some time thinking about what transport will look like in the future on **Monday 8th September**. We will be designing and making a form of transport for the future. To help us to do this we would appreciate it if you could send in any empty cardboard boxes, plastic bottles or kitchen roll tubes with your child.

During the theme we will be looking at the types of transport used in our local area by children and adults. We will also be focusing a lot on air transport, looking at where people come from, how we can improve airports and thinking about designing and making a working model flying machine. We will be spending some time out of the classroom too, doing traffic surveys in the local area and there will also be an opportunity for children to bring in a form of transport to use on the playground, such as a bike, scooter, skateboard or even roller skates!

Key Vocabulary for this term: Country, Passport, Airport, Rail, Vehicles, Road, Continent, Navigation, Flight.

ENGLISH

Language and Literacy is due to restart on the first full week back. As a year group we will be looking at *Stories with a familiar setting* thinking about friendships and contrasting moods. They will then think about how the description of a setting can reflect feelings of a character. This will link into the writing of two descriptions showing contrasting moods and feelings. The second unit we will focus on is about *Science fiction/Fantasy*. They will be looking at plot development and what questions they might ask some of the main characters of the story. They will finish this unit by writing a new episode for the story.

Children who are part of Read Write Inc. will continue in their groups from last term; however the adult that they were working with may change. Children are assessed regularly and change groups and adults as part of progressing through the programme. We will inform you when your child moves groups, or moves into our Language and Literacy programme.

MATHS

In maths we will be starting by looking at *place value* and *ordering numbers*. To help with this you can practice counting up and down starting with 2 and 3 digit numbers. We will then be looking at applying this knowledge in Addition and Subtraction. We will also move on to looking at some Multiplication and Division facts, so it might be useful to practice times tables at home. By the end of this half term we will be starting to look at measures, including time.

Children across school will continue to work regularly in small groups on our Assertive Mentoring programme for maths.

PARENT CARER INVOLVEMENT

As already mentioned in the Main Learning Theme section, we would appreciate any cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and kitchen roll tubes to help with our launch. To help the children with this theme it might be a good idea to talk about the different types of transport you have experienced both good and bad! Think about how transport has changed since you were a child. As we are focusing on air transport you might also want to think about your experiences of using an airport and the different things you had to do.

Finally, get out those passports and share your travelling experiences and talk about why we need to use a passport. If you have a particular expertise with any form of transport that you wish to share then let us know! We will be doing a work showcase for all the things we have achieved during this theme on **Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 2:45pm**.

You are all welcome to join us in celebrating the hard work the children have put in to this exciting theme!



HOME LEARNING

There will be a Home Learning Project for the children this half term. It is titled ***Find out all about rail transport!*** As Peterborough has strong links to the railway industry this is an ideal opportunity to explore the heritage and for the children to find out as much as they can about rail transport. They might want to create a poster, a computer presentation or be even more creative by writing a poem or rap about the railways! It would be amazing to share some of these projects during the showcase so we would appreciate it if they could be returned by **Friday 17th October 2014**. This project is not compulsory. As well as this, on a weekly basis children will be taking home a piece of English and Maths Home Learning each week. This will be sent home on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday.

TRIPS

As part of our theme we are hoping to take the class on a trip to an airport for the day. This is expected to happen towards the end of this half term. A letter will be sent home to confirm the details of this in due course.

This term year 3 and 4 classes will have the opportunity of taking part in the 'Rock-n-Roll' music event help in conjunction with the PYC (Peterborough Youth Choir) in the week beginning 20th October. There are also two 'Gifted and Talented' singing days that a small group of children will be involved in on the 6th and 7th October. All these events are totally free of charge though you will have the opportunity to buy tickets to see the children perform at the end of the main event day.

PE

Indoor PE will be taught on a Monday afternoon and we will be doing Outdoor PE on a Wednesday afternoon, starting next week. We require every child to have a full kit brought in on a Monday every week, with it being taken home on a Friday. **NO jewellery is allowed** during PE sessions, with any earrings that are unable to be removed to be covered by a **plaster provided from home**.

The PE kit required is as follows:

- Plain white T-Shirt
- Black or Grey Shorts
- Plimsolls or Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms for Outdoor PE

As your child is now in Key Stage 2 they are no longer provided with fruit at break time. Children can bring a snack from home and it must be a healthy snack, such as fruit. Remember that Norwood is a nut free school.

Hot school meals are still available each day but they must be booked and paid for in advance.

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