

Dear parents,

### **Homework update:**

- Healthy eating homework task - this half term, pupils have been asked to prepare and make a healthy meal as part of our DT topic on health and nutrition. I would like them to share their work via Tapestry but the format is up to the children. It might be just a series of pictures of them making the meal and the final product, or they could write a recipe and share this, or they could even make a short cookery instruction video!

We would like all children to take part but the meal itself can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. Any measuring, weighing and using scales is definitely recommended though as this will support our Maths learning too! I've explained that pupils can submit this work at any point during the half term and we will share them as and when they arrive and some eager chefs have already shared their tasty creations with us!

- Maths homework - pupils should be practising times tables each week and preparing for their weekly tests with Mrs Miller. There are also additional optional (but encouraged) Maths homework tasks to support our class learning in the documents section on Tapestry too.
- Reading - most pupils are doing a great job with their reading diaries. The expectation is that all pupils will have at least three parent / adult signatures in their reading record each week but the more the merrier (and pupils get extra team points too).
- Pupils have been provided with their weekly spellings (for their weekly tests) as well as their latest statutory list (these will be tested in the last week of term).

### **Class Highlights:**

It's been a busy couple of weeks but there's definitely been a book theme! Last week we had our book fair in school and yesterday of course was World Book Day which we celebrated with a host of different activities including dressing up, special assemblies (well done Year 4 pupils for leading on this!), inter-class activities and special visitors to school. An easy highlight I'm sure! Please do look on the school website and tapestry for some photos from the day.

In Art lessons, we also had a book theme this week as we were practising illustrative styles inspired by the amazing Draw with Rob tutorials from writer and illustrator Rob Biddulph, and pupils designed book sleeves and other activities.

Recently in PSHE we have been thinking about very important people (VIPs) in our lives and this week we were focusing on friendships and how to maintain good friendships

and make new ones. As part of this work, the class have all been given an 'anonymous friend' and have to display five acts of kindness and friendship before our next lesson on Monday - this is a fun activity as it promotes kindness and friendship but also the children have to try to work out who their anonymous friend was which is a fun guessing game, especially when some pupils are deliberately being extra kind to random pupils as decoys!! It's also a test in self-control as the secret names are written in books so pupils have to avoid temptation and not look in each others' books!! This has been successful so far.....mostly!

### **Mother's Day Gift Sale:**

We are pleased to let you know that a group of Y6 pupils will be holding a Mother's Day Gift Sale after school next Thursday 12th and Friday 13th. Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase a small Mother's Day gift for a special person in their life. The gift (we are keeping quiet on what they are!) will be priced at £1 each. Pupils from Year 6 will come round classes next week and show the children what is on sale. Importantly, all proceeds from the sale will go to charity, helping us to support those in need while also giving the children an opportunity to think about generosity and giving to others. If you would like your child to take part, please send them into school with a small amount of money. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller