Autumn Term 2 2019

Welcome back! I trust you all enjoyed your autumn break? Our new topic is Light and Dark and I am already really excited about what we will be learning. Please see our Topic Web for extra details. We will be having a very special night-time event - I'll keep you posted! I am also in the process of rearranging the Phonics Workshop, the date will be with you soon.

PE is still on Mondays and alternate Thursdays. Please ensure your child has a NAMED PE kit at school, which can be left there for the half term. I will send it home mid-way for a clean, but really, they don't get dirty enough to go home every week!

Thank you to all those who have sent in Wow moments, recording all the amazing achievements of your children out of school. I am sending home another batch of Wows and eagerly await your news. Remember, our children are learning ALL the time, and these achievements should be shared and celebrated! They are also a valuable addition to the children's online Learning Journals, so please feel free to upload them.

Homework will continue to be sent home on Fridays and expected in the following Wednesday. Reading books will go home every day with the expectation that every child reads to an adult for 5 minutes a day. Research has long shown the impact this has on a child’s attainment, in all areas of the curriculum! I know this can all seem rather daunting in terms of time and energy, for both children and adults! I understand all too well the stresses of busy family life, so please do not worry if occasionally it goes by the wayside. Above all, have fun being involved in your child’s learning – there are so many ways to do this as well as homework! And remember, homework activities can also be captured and documented on Tapestry!

As we are continuing to foster independence and a sense of responsibility in the children, may I kindly ask that children begin to be responsible for organising their belongings. Children may still be accompanied into the classroom by their grown-ups at this stage. Home School Records should be placed in the GREEN tray every day, Reading records and reading books (inside them please) in the YELLOW tray and homework in the BLUE tray. This way, they can access what they need at any time.
If for any reason you need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to call us over. If you need to speak to us at greater length about any concerns you have, you are more than welcome to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cook Class Team