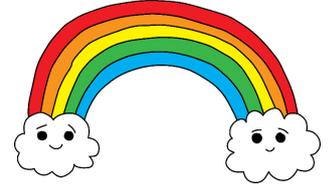


# Mrs Dowson's class (K2AD)



## Spring Term Newsletter.

Happy New Year and hope you all had a lovely (restful) Christmas! The children have returned to school with a really pleasing attitude and ready to learn!

### Topic

This term, we are continuing with our Geography focus, learning about **Mountains**. The children have already learned about the 7 continents (test them to see how many they can name) and are beginning to learn about some of the creatures that live in these habitats. I am attaching a Knowledge Mat so that you can see some of the vocabulary and knowledge that we are learning. Please can you have a look at this with your child to help develop their language skills.



### Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home and **bring their book bag in every day**. This is a very important part of your child's learning - **arguably, reading is the most important academic skill that children can learn at school and at home**. Reading regularly at home not only helps our children to improve and progress but also encourages them to see the importance of reading when this is a shared home experience. In school, children are given the opportunity to read, either 1 to 1 with an adult or in small groups. In our class, the children are expected to read at home **at least 4 times each week**.



### PE

Your child's PE session is on **Monday**. For this term, Year 4 children will continue to go swimming.



**Please ensure that your child brings/wears PE kit each week and HAS THEIR INHALER.** School policy is that children cannot take part in PE if they don't have their inhaler. Please be aware that, for safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed for PE. Throughout the week, Mrs Dowson's children may also take part in Yoga sessions or other active lessons but they don't need a PE kit for these.

### Homework

Homework is given out on a **Friday**, and is due to be returned by the following Friday. This year, the homework will be focused on spelling and times-tables as these are essential areas of learning that benefit from consistent practice. Occasionally, other homework may be sent out instead. The children have all been provided with a pencil and other equipment to help complete the homework. However, if your child needs anything extra, or needs a replacement pencil, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Finally, just to let you know that we have some people in school with severe nut allergies. We would be grateful if you could avoid providing snacks for your children that contain nuts. Please remember that snacks should be a healthy choice, except for Friday when the children are welcome to bring crisps or chocolate.

Thank you for your continued support.

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