Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a fabulous family Easter and are now enjoying the longer, and slightly warmer, days!

We have a very short, but exciting and busy half term ahead. Our main focus for the next 4 weeks will be our RE topic of Creation and Thanksgiving. This will include lots of Art, DT and Sewing. If anyone is able to join us for an afternoon of gentle sewing (cake and snacks will be provided!) please do let me know so that I can arrange a couple of dates. Younger siblings and other family members are very welcome to join us for these sessions.

We will be outside for PE this term developing our cricket and athletics skills. Please note that children need to wear long tracksuit bottoms or leggings and waterproof trainers. Please keep your child’s outdoor PE kit at school all week as we may go out more often if the weather is good. On Thursday 9th May we shall be attending Infant Agility at Nidd High School during school time; a letter will be sent out this week with further details.

Homework

It is expected that children read or share a book with an adult at home for 10 -15 minutes every evening whenever possible. This could be your child reading their school ‘scheme’ book to you, them reading something else of their choice, you sharing a bed time story together, or any other reading you can think of, or that your child wishes to do. Please record any reading you have done in your child’s reading record. We try to change books every Monday, Wednesday and Friday but we do need your signature to say the book is completed.

Of course, this term our Year 2 children will take their SATs. There are 3 subject areas - Reading, Maths and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. We will complete these in the week beginning 20th May, in a very low-key manner. Please contact me if you would like any further information about this.

Our Year 1 children will have ‘Phonics Screening’ (who thinks of these names?!) in the week beginning 10th June. This is when each child works 1-1 with me to read 40 real or pretend words which check their phonics ability. Again, please let me know if you would like any further information.

Luckily our lovely Reception children do not have any statutory assessment tasks to complete! 😊

Mrs Issitt will continue to teach the class every Tuesday afternoon and whenever Miss A is out of school.

If you would like to catch up with what we have been doing in class, please catch either of us on the playground before or after school for a chat, or come to our weekly Friday certificate assembly at 9.00 am. Please note that we are unable to speak with parents after this assembly as it is then the children’s learning time.

If you would like any further information, or if you have any queries about your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to speak with either of us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Aldridge and Mrs Issitt