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Polar Bear Class – Learning Overview for Parents – Autumn 2020

Monday 7th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Bretforton Village School after what feels like a very long summer holidays for us all. I would like to take this time to introduce myself, my name is Miss Barnett, I am very much looking forward to formally meeting you. I am very excited to be teaching your children over the coming school year. This half term our topic will be 'How did the Second World War affect the area?'. We will be taking part in a range of activities to understand what life was like for the people on the Homefront and how our own local area was affected during that time. We will also be spending lots of time teaching how we can stay safe in school, through handwashing, giving each other space and reinforcing the phrase 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when using tissues. If you or your child have any concerns or worries about being back in school, please do not hesitate in letting us know.

Our School Week

I will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesday morning, all day Wednesday and Thursday, and on Friday morning. Mrs Glass will be working with children from Polar Bear class on a Monday morning; Mrs Townsin will be assisting the class on a Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. On a Tuesday afternoon, the class will have Forest School with Mrs Ellis and Mrs Glass. Forest School will start from Tuesday 15th September - a letter will go out to you about this shortly. On a Friday afternoon, the children will have PE lessons with a sports coach. Please can you make sure your child has their full kit with them in school.

Homework

Over this half term, there will be a selection of 'pick and mix' style homework tasks. Children will be given a sheet with a choice of nine activities. The idea is to pick one of the nine activities a week and hand it in on the Monday. You do not have to complete all nine. Parents can help and support as much as they would like. This style of homework is to allow for children to develop and deepen their understanding of our current topic as well as allowing the children to have a level of independence and choice with their learning. Please can you listen to your child read as much as possible; and please encourage your child to practise their spellings and times tables in preparation for their weekly tests on a Friday. A copy of your child's spellings list will be attached to the back cover of their reading record. Following their spellings and times tables tests on a Friday, children will highlight any incorrect spellings on the copy, so that you are aware of which spellings your child still need to practise. Children will also write on the same sheet which times tables they will be tested on the following week.

Water Bottles

In school, we promote keeping hydrated and drinking water regularly. Please ensure your child has a named, filled water bottle for each day of school. It is important that water bottles are filled before





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school, to allow us plenty of time for our morning tasks, children are welcome to refill their bottles if they finish them before the end of the day.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child over the next academic year, if you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Due to the current circumstances, face to face contact is limited, if you need to get in touch, please do so by emailing or telephoning the office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barnett
Year 4/5 Class Teacher

