

Dear parents and carers,

Our topic this term is Our local Area! I love Geography and was a secondary school Geography teacher in a previous role. This topic will provide lots of opportunity to explore the geography of Teynham and the surrounding area. I hope the children will become inspired to find out more about the wider world around them as a result.

## **HOMEWORK**

There is a new homework grid going home this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The selection can be found on a grid in your child's homework book. Please continue to photograph the work and email in to school using the following email address [n.bainborough@teynham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:n.bainborough@teynham.kent.sch.uk).

I have displayed all the photos sent in. They have been put together to make this....



Homework books are still not to be returned each week. We would instead like the homework returned to school at the end of each term. Our recent WOW Day, celebrating homework, was really enjoyable. The children loved showing off their art and models to their friends, We will have a WOW day for term 2 in December. Details to follow.

## **READING**

Thank you all for your patience and understanding with our rigid system for issuing reading books. We will continue to send out new reading books every Tuesday and ask for finished books to be returned by Friday.

Take Home new reading book	Return reading books to school	Staff quarantine books
Tuesdays	Fridays	Saturday and Sunday

## **PE**

Year 2 will have two weekly PE sessions with specialist teachers. On Thursdays, Craig will lead sessions focusing upon different sports. Every Friday, Year 2 will be having Street Dance lessons.

## **Well Being and Growth Mindset**

As we enter a second lockdown, our school remains focused on the well being of every child. This is our priority, even higher than learning. An unhappy child cannot learn after all. Our school has been promoting a GROWTH MINDSET for a number of years now. It teaches everyone to become more confident, resilient and to persevere. In addition to this, our school, including our class are spending the first lesson of every day on activities that promote a healthy well-being. Nationally, educational leaders seek to support all children who are affected by the significant disruption and trauma of the current pandemic.

## **Emails for sharing information**

With social distancing in mind, I am encouraging everyone to email me directly with information that you would normally share with staff when dropping your children off in the mornings or after school. As I said to a number of parents during the recent telephone meetings, please email with any information, however small, as I can act on the information immediately and resolve issues swiftly.

Please continue to email me using the address above.

Kind regards,

Mr Bainborough.