

Camblesforth Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and that the children are looking forward to the challenges of year 4 or 5. The children have had a great first week back and I have enjoyed getting to know them. The class have voted for the name 'Harmonious Hubbles.' The Key Stage 2 topic this half term is 'Beast Creators.'

Literacy

This term in Literacy the children will be reading 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. They will write in a variety of genres based on this novel. They will be creating non-chronological reports, revolting recipes, limericks and a comic strip. The children will receive grammar homework once every 2 weeks. This can be accessed through their Active Learn login. I would also ask that you spend a minimum of 10 minutes per night listening to your child read and asking them comprehension questions (please see the attached sheet). Please write in their reading record when you have read with them. They will also have spellings sent home on a Friday which are to be learnt by the following Friday.

Useful websites:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html>

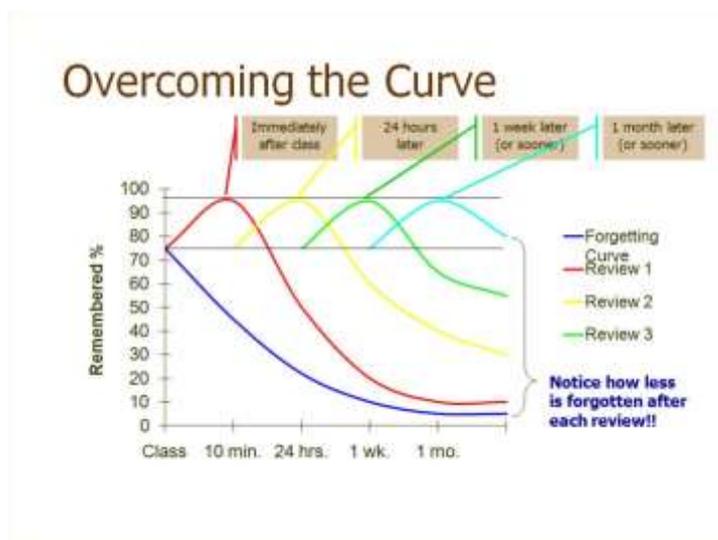
<https://www.roalddahl.com/>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

Maths

Throughout the autumn term the children will be developing their number skills and building on their knowledge of place value. It is incredibly important that the children practise their times tables as much as possible both at school and at home. The more a child revisits a concept the more likely it is to go into long term memory! You may find the 'forgetting curve' (overleaf) interesting!



Times tables are the key to unlocking many areas of maths and knowing their tables off by heart will help them a lot.

This half term they will be working on place value and addition and subtraction. During the first 3 weeks we will concentrate on place value: counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000, finding 1000 more or less than a given number and counting forwards and backwards in steps of powers of 10 up to 1000000! They will be learning the value of each digit and ordering and comparing numbers. They will also be working on rounding numbers. Additionally, they will learn roman numerals and all about prime numbers. For the next 3 weeks we will be deepening our understanding of addition and subtraction working on adding and subtracting mentally with increasingly large numbers, using formal written methods, estimating and checking calculation and solving multi step problems. Abacus homework will be set each Friday and is to be completed by the following Friday. If you have difficulties accessing Abacus please let me know.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/MathsGames.aspx>

Science

This term the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will be looking at the differences in life cycles between mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

Computing

In computing the children will be learning how to research subjects and how to present information.

Art and Design Technology

In art the children will be learning how to create perspective in drawings. In design and technology the children will design and make a model

Geography

The children will be learning about the local area and a contrasting locality.

Music

In music the children will participate in a range of musical activities which integrate performing, composing and appraising.

PE

The children will have a fitness instructor coming in once a week to work on cardio activities such as dance aerobics. They will also be learning gymnastics techniques. Please could you ensure that your child has got both indoor and outdoor PE kit and that they comply with the school uniform. Pumps are unsuitable for outdoor games lessons and I would ask the children to have a change of trainers (and possibly socks) to wear.

RE and SEAL

During the first half term of RE the children will be looking at the topic 'How and why do Christians and Muslims see life as a journey?' In SEAL the children will be 'Going for Goals'!

French

The children will develop their ability to understand, speak and write the language.

I look forward to working in cooperation with you this term. If you feel you need to discuss any area of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Telford

Year 4/5 Teacher and SENCo