

Benwick Primary School

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Doves Spring Term letter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term in Doves Class. We hope you all had a great Christmas and we wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. We are all looking forward to the new term ahead, as we have planned lots of exciting activities.

This term, we will be continuing to follow the guidelines around Covid, to ensure children's safety. With this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that classroom doors and windows must remain open, as part of the government guidance for schools. Subsequently, the rooms can become quite cold, therefore we advise that children wear several layers of clothing, as opposed to wearing their coat indoors.

Reading books will be changed as and when required. Please remind your child to put their book into the basket each day, as this allows us to identify those who need to complete an AR reading quiz on the IPad. Please ensure that you write in your child's reading record when you have listened to them read.

Every Friday, your child will be sent home with spellings to practice and learn, ready for a test the following Friday. Please work alongside your child to learn the spellings, reminding them that Dojo points will be awarded for improving marks. In the next few days, we will also send you a login card for Times Table Rockstars, which is an interactive times table game. A good knowledge of times table facts will benefit your child across all areas of maths.

On the school website, there will be an optional homework grid. This term's activities will focus on the topic of birds.

A quick reminder that fruit is provided for children at break times, and milk is available at a small cost. If your child brings a snack from home, it must be healthy and nut-free.

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. We will endeavour to do PE lessons outside (weather permitting), so it is important that your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit, along with a change of shoes (trainers/pumps) for the lesson. Please make sure that your child's name is on all of their clothing, along with their water bottle.

As always, please contact us with any questions or comments via ClassDojo (Miss Wakefield – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, Mrs Piper – Thursday & Friday). Alternatively, you can speak to us on the playground, before the whistle is blown. For absences please telephone school or email: Office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk

Best wishes, Mrs Piper, Miss Wakefield, Mrs Hay, Mr Pedder and Miss Whitby The Dove Class Team