



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Spring Term 2024 – Years 3 and 4

Dear Parent/Carer



We are looking forward to a new topic in the Spring Term called **The Amazing Americas** in which we will be learning about the continents of North and South America. This is primarily a geography topic and we will focus upon the physical and human characteristics of these fascinating areas; however, we are also hoping to touch upon their histories, exploring a number of key periods in the history of the Americas. We have arranged for lots of exciting activities to support the work in which the children will be engaged. Further communication will follow with details of WOW day date, visitors and trip.

If you have any topic related resources which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let them bring these into school to show. We would, of course, take the utmost care of them! The attached topic plan explores what we will be covering in a little more detail.

PE

The children have taken to coming to school in their PE kits on their PE days very well. Please ensure the children have the correct PE uniform as well as appropriate footwear for these days. Our PE uniform includes: a coloured house T-shirt, plain navy blue joggers, leggings or shorts, white/blue/grey socks (no other colours, please!) and either a plain navy sweatshirt or school jumper, as well as any appropriate footwear (not colour dependent). Earrings should be removed for PE and Games or should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note has been provided by a parent or carer explaining their exclusion.



PE DAYS

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term. Up to (and including) the 1st of March, Mexico class will continue to swim on a Friday. After that, Japan and France classes will start swimming.

Until the 1st March, children will need their PE kits on these days:

- France Class (Mrs Stringer) Tuesday & Friday
- Japan Class (Mr Marsh) Monday & Tuesday
- Mexico Class (Miss Underdown) Thursday & Friday (swimming)

After the 1st March, children will need their PE kits on these days:

- France Class (Mrs Stringer) Tuesday & Friday (swimming)
- Japan Class (Mr Marsh) Monday & Friday (swimming)
- Mexico (Miss Underdown) Monday & Thursday

HOMEWORK



Children will be set weekly Maths homework as well as a fortnightly English/Topic activity. The children have already received their new homework grid with activities relating to their topic. The due dates for the grid homework are displayed on their sheet. It is anticipated that the majority of homework tasks should take **no longer** than 40 minutes and it is fine to stop after this time. We do appreciate your support with your child's work at home.

READING



We would ask that all children do some reading daily. We would also kindly ask that your child's reading record books are completed by an adult at least once a week and handed into their class teacher on a **Monday morning**. We have had a low participation rate so far this year, with mostly the same children handing in their reading records. Please, please support us with this and get into a routine of reading regularly with your child. Thank you!

SPELLINGS

Every morning, your child accesses a spelling activity to help them learn their weekly words. We would be grateful if your child could be in school by 8:45am in the morning so that they are able to do this. This is in addition to their home learning in preparation for the Monday morning test.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

France class will have their assembly this term on Monday 18th March at 2:45pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on that day.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy life styles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a healthy packed lunch if they do not have a hot meal booked. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.**

WATER BOTTLES



Your child needs to bring a clear named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class, these should not be used for squash or fruit juice. No 'Prime Bottles' are permitted. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes.

COMMUNICATION

Should you need to get in touch with us, send us an email or talk to us at the end of the day when collecting your child/children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stringer, Miss Underdown and Mr Marsh