



BECOMING REFLECTIVE, INDEPENDENT & ASPIRATIONAL LEARNERS FOR LIFE

6th January 2020

Spring Term 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break.

This term, we will be using our immersion curriculum time to focus on:

- Being scientists and investigating animals and their skeletons, food chains and how they are suited to their environment
- Being artists and finding out about collage and learning and using associated techniques
- Being well rounded citizens and learning about internet safety and social issues
- Being geographers and learning about Europe, its countries, and human and physical characteristics.

We will continue to send home information sheets regarding each topic area. These can also be found on our class webpage (www.amberleyschool.co.uk/friesians), which is updated each week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the contact form on the page, which will email both Mrs Crampton and Mrs Smith.

Outdoor Learning

We are pleased to inform you that Mr Oakey will be returning and we will start Outdoor Learning sessions on Fridays, from this week. Children will need to bring a set of suitable clothes and footwear.

PE kits

PE lessons will also take place on Friday, and we ask that all children have school PE kits, including trainers, in a named bag, all week.

Times tables, reading and spelling

There are a multitude of games and activities online to help with the rapid recall of times tables, as well as many screen free dice and card games. Regular practice of timetables helps children's fluency when working on more complicated problem solving and reasoning tasks. Quick fire questioning, or in the car games will all help your child to be more confident in multiplying and dividing.

Reading books need to be in school each day, and are changed when the children place them into the box to indicate that they have finished reading. Reading regularly at home is obviously the best way for children to improve their fluency and we recommend reading for at least 10 minutes each day.

We will continue to send home spelling lists each week. They will now be tested on a Tuesday. If your child cannot find their sheet to practice at home with, all year 3/4 spelling sheets are available on the school website (<https://www.amberleyschool.co.uk/friesian-spellings>).

We are, as ever, grateful for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Crampton, Mrs L Smith and Mrs K Apew.

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