



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Spring Term – Years 3 and 4

Dear Parent/Carer



We are looking forward to our topic 'The Amazing Americas'. During the first half of the term, we have a Geography focus which will look at features of North and South America, with a special focus on the Amazon Rainforest. After half term, we will switch to a new History topic about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. To support the children's learning about rainforest habitats and deforestation, 'Zoolab' will be coming into school on **Thursday 3rd February** and will be bringing some special 'friends' for the children to meet.



We will also be celebrating the Mayan civilisation with a WOW day after half term – details to follow (including ideas for outfits).

If you have any topic related resources which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let them be brought 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

It is very important that the children have their PE kit in school throughout the week so that they can fully participate in these lessons. Earrings should be removed for PE and Games. If ears are newly pierced, earrings 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. **Please ensure that your child's kit is named.**



PE DAYS

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term. The days which your child needs their PE kits in school are detailed below:

- France Class (Mrs Stringer) Monday & Thursday
- India Class (Miss P-B) Thursday & Friday (swimming on Fridays from 4th February)
- Mexico (Miss Underdown) Tuesday & Friday (swimming on Fridays from 4th February)

HOMEWORK



Children have a weekly maths homework as well as a fortnightly topic activity. The topic activities along with the due dates, are on the reverse of their termly spellings sheet, and may be completed in any order. All children will receive a homework book, but we have also uploaded all of the homework tasks onto Google Classroom for any children wishing to complete their homework



electronically. 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 will continue to promote reading through our 'Book Bingo' initiative. It has been lovely to see a lot of children achieve their first Book Bingo certificate last term, so we are keen to ensure that ALL children get at least one certificate by the Easter break. Children will receive a certificate and a housepoint for completion of each grid.

SPELLINGS

Your child will receive their weekly spellings every Monday morning and will be tested on these words the following week. We would be grateful if you could help your child to learn these words in addition to the spelling activities provided when the children first come in.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This term, France class will be celebrating their work with family and friends on **Friday 25th March**. Mexico's assembly will be during the summer term on **Friday 24th June**.

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 your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as an apple or carrot sticks. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter, Nutella chocolate spread or products containing nuts as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.**

WATER BOTTLES



Your child should be encouraged to bring a clear named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class - **these should not be used for squash or fruit juice** please. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wellby, Miss Pemberton-Bates, Mrs Stringer and Miss Underdown

