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Can you spot some the Alfriston School 'Life Values' in our topic letter?

April 2023

Class: Ruby

Teacher: Mrs Prosser

Teaching Assistant: Miss Rogers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a wonderful break! The children have returned refreshed, **curious** and **determined** which is excellent to see.

Curriculum Information

The new topic for this term is called 'Growing' and will offer lots of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. Please see the attached 'Curriculum Map', which gives more information about how this topic will link with other subject areas.

Requests and Reminders

Our PE sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is important that PE kits are in school every day. Please make sure every item in your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name. Please also make sure your child's jumper is labelled with their name.

Key Skills to Support at Home

Please continue to read at home with your child as regularly as possible and record this in their reading records. You should aim to hear your child read at least five times per week to support their growing fluency and comprehension. Children will be required to bring their reading record into school in their book bag every day. To promote **independence**, at the start of the day, children will be encouraged to get their own reading records out and place them on the table. The Ruby class team will check the reading records and acknowledge each reading session that has been recorded. As required, staff will also change children's books or support them to choose one themselves. To keep in line with our reading program, Year 1 will now have their books changed on a Tuesday and Friday to enable each book to be read three times. Children who successfully record five reads in a week will be rewarded with a raffle ticket. At the end of each term, two raffle tickets will be drawn per class and each child with a winning ticket will receive a book-related prize!

Home Learning

In Ruby class, all home learning can be accessed using Google Classroom. Home learning will be set on Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of a maths activity to support the learning of 'Key Instant Recall Facts' and a spelling list. Year 1 will be set spellings in line with their learning through the Little Wandle Phonics program and practice/quizzes will occur on Monday mornings. Year 2 will be set words to practice at home in line with their learning at school and participate in a variety of supportive activities to explore spelling patterns. Please refer to the spelling strategies which are posted with each week's spelling list to support spelling practice at home. House points will be given to those who have tried their best to practise their spellings and maths at home. Please don't hesitate to email if you have any questions about spellings or homework.

Alfriston School: Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Show and tell

'Show and tell' will happen on Thursday mornings. A timetable of when your child's show and tell will occur will be sent home with a reminder of your child's house team. It is important that your child only brings their show & tell on their allocated day. In Ruby class, all of our show and tell items must be about our current topic. We especially like to see home-made items inspired by our in-class learning. I am already looking forward to seeing all of the **creative** and imaginative 'Growing' themed books, crafts and pictures.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about anything at all, please contact me. I can be contacted via email at: ruby@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk. I will check these emails after school every day. If there is an urgent matter, please phone the school office to leave a message for me there.

Yours sincerely,

A Prosser

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