St Osvth Road East Little Clacton Essex, CO16 9PH



Telephone No. 01255 860210 Email.admin@engaines.essex.sch.uk

Acting Headteacher: Mrs. Cherry Curle

26th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers.

Summer Term 2019

Welcome back after the Easter Holiday. We trust you have all had a lovely break. This is a relatively short half term of four and a half weeks. Our last day of this half term is Friday 24th May. We return to school on Monday 3rd June and break up for the Summer Holiday on Wednesday 24th July.

The topic for this term is 'The Great Outdoors' and much of our work will be based on this topic. This will mainly be a Geography based topic, however, many different subjects will be incorporated into the topic. We will be visiting Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve on Tuesday 18th June in line with this topic. We will be taking part in den building, pond dipping and mini-beast hunting activities during the visit. A digital letter has been sent giving details of this trip and a further letter will follow nearer to the date of the trip. Please make payment by via the School Gateway app by Monday 14th May.

In Literacy, we will be looking at many types of text, which will include work on instructions, poems, stories, explanation texts and fact files. Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) is an essential element of Literacy and regular sessions of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling will take place. We will continue to use the 'Letters and Sounds' programme for teaching Phonics to our Year One pupils. We will also continue to use this programme with children in Year Two who need extra Phonics support. The children in Year Two will work on our Engaines spelling rules sessions.

Reading is very important and we will encourage the children to read as often as possible. We would like children to read for pleasure and choose a range of fiction and non-fiction books. Reading incentives will continue this term.











St Osvth Road East Little Clacton Essex. CO16 9PH



Telephone No. 01255 860210 Email.admin@engaines.essex.sch.uk

Acting Headteacher: Mrs. Cherry Curle

The 'Accelerated Reading Programme' will also continue for our Year Two pupils. After each book has been read, reread and questions have been discussed with parents, an online comprehension quiz will be completed and then the children will choose a new book. When the children have scored three scores of 100% in a row then new books at a higher level will be issued. Our Year One children will be able to access books from our colour coded collections of books and will need to read their book at home before it can be changed for a new one. Please can we remind you that the children will choose their own books and we do try to encourage them to look inside the book to see if it is one they would like to read. Occasionally your child will choose a book they have had before. This provides a good opportunity for book review and question time. Year One children will have two occasions a week when they can change their reading books. Book changing usually takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays/Thursdays. If your child has read their book numerous times and it is not a book changing day then please read a book or comic from home with them. Remember, if your child is not in the mood to read to you then take the opportunity to read them a bed time story and note this down in their reading record. The children will be awarded a sticker on their reading chart if they read at home three times in a week. They will receive two stickers if they read at home five times in a week. Once their chart has been completed, a small reward will be given out. Please remember to date and sign the reading record whenever you hear your child read or when you share a bed time story with them.

In Numeracy we shall continue to work on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as fractions, measures, and problem solving. We would hope that the children work on number bonds and times tables as part of their homework. In addition to our daily Numeracy sessions, we will also have two short Mini- Maths sessions (Arithmetic and a Maths Meeting). Different levels of challenge will be set accordingly. Many of the children are making good progress with learning number facts (number bonds and multiplication facts) and can recall these facts at speed. This is proving to support all areas of Maths and build their confidence. There are many games to support











St Osvth Road East Little Clacton Essex. CO16 9PH



Telephone No. 01255 860210 Email.admin@engaines.essex.sch.uk

Acting Headteacher: Mrs. Cherry Curle

children's learning. If you require any support, please ask your child's class teacher.

This term our Year One children will participate in the Phonics Screening Test. The test will take place the week beginning 10th June. Please be advised that the test will be delivered in an informal manner with Mrs. Ford or Mrs. Nunn. The children usually enjoy participating, especially when there are biscuits involved! You will be informed if your child passed the test when you receive their end-ofyear school report in July. Year Two children who did not pass the test last year will also participate in the test. If you have any questions about the test, please ask your child's class teacher or a member of the Key Stage One team.

This Term our Year Two children will participate in the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). Children will sit two reading papers and two maths papers (one arithmetic and one reasoning). As with the Phonics Test, the SATs will be delivered in an informal manner. The children will be in groups for the tests. One of the teachers from Key Stage One will administer the tests so your child will be familiar with this adult-where possible this will be your child's class teacher. The SATs will take place throughout May. The results from the SATs tests will help to inform 'Teacher Assessments' at the end of the year, which will be included in your child's end-of-year school report. If you have any questions about the tests, please ask your child's class teacher or a member of the Key Stage One team.

Our homework in Key Stage One is topic based. A new homework sheet has been sent out in digital format for this term, which covers a range of subjects and activities along the theme of 'The Great Outdoors'. The children can start working on one or a few of these projects as soon as they are ready to do so. Please can all homework be sent in by the Monday 20th May. The children can then share their homework with the class during this week. Certificates will be handed out for completed homework.

Our P.E days continue to be Wednesday and Friday. With the hope of increasingly good weather, we would like to be outdoors as much as possible for these sessions. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is kept in school every day.











St Osvth Road East Little Clacton Essex, CO16 9PH



Telephone No. 01255 860210 Email.admin@engaines.essex.sch.uk

Acting Headteacher: Mrs. Cherry Curle

Trainers are advised for outdoor P.E. sessions and plimsolls for indoor P.E. sessions. Earrings must not be worn for P.E and this is in line with the Essex policy.

Please ensure that your child has a sun hat and sun cream in school at all times. Please name both of these. Please be advised that your child must be able to apply the sun cream themselves.

Dates for the Summer Term:

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Half term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

School Fete Saturday 15th June

Sports Day (KS1) Tuesday 25th June

Reports out Friday 19th July

Last Day of term Wednesday 24th July

If you require any additional information, please see your child's class teacher. We look forward to a very busy and fun-filled term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Elmer, Mrs. Nunn and Mr Lehain

Key Stage 1









