

# Mannington Class News

January 2014

We're a few weeks into the term but I wanted to update you with what is going on in class from now until Easter.

## **Mr Brenchley**

Some of you may have noticed a new face in class. Mr Brenchley is a student teacher from UEA. He is with us for a few weeks now and will be back again in the summer for a longer block of teaching practice.

## **PE**

PE is still on Mondays and Thursdays, please make sure your child has their kit for these lessons. If they have earrings can they be removed on these days please and can long hair be held up with bobbles as any 'hard' accessories such as clips would need to be removed for the lesson.

## **Reading books and Homework**

If you think your child is ready to change reading level please come in and speak to one of us.

Please continue to change your child's reading book when you come into school in the morning.

Homework goes home on a **Wednesday** and can be returned on the following **Monday** to the homework tray.

A handful of children have completed the 100 words challenge, I hope more are close behind!

## **Show and tell**

We have time most days for the children to share significant news or objects but please encourage your child to bring in items other than toys.

## **Topics**

Our first topic for this term is Our Community. We will be particularly interested in habitats, both our own and those of animals that live around us. Your child is welcome to bring in books, photos and pictures to share with the class. Later in the term we will be looking at 'Movement' before exploring the sculpture of Barbara Hepworth and then learning about Easter.

## **Maths**

Lots of calculations and number facts this term, later in the spring we will be looking at fractions and halving and doubling.

## **Merits**

Many children have collected 10 merits and have received rewards, the rest are all close behind.

## **Library books**

Library books are changed each Wednesday please help your child to bring their book back each week.

## **Class Assembly and Story Cafe**

The class assembly will be on **Wednesday 19th March**. More details soon. There will also be a Story Cafe in March, possibly on the same day.

## **Dinner Money**

If your child would like a school meal, please can they bring their dinner money in a clearly named purse or envelope. This could be done either at the beginning of the week, or on the day that your child would like a lunch. If you are paying for more than one day, it is helpful for you to let us know which days your child would like lunches. In order to build your child's sense of responsibility, they should place this money in the classroom basket in the morning. If you need change this will be returned in your child's purse or envelope at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

It is always great to welcome parents into school to hear readers or to take groups for specific tasks, if you would like to do this please let me know.

If you have any questions for me or anything you would like to discuss, please come and see me.

My email address is [tgleeson4nru@nsix.org.uk](mailto:tgleeson4nru@nsix.org.uk) please use this to contact me if you would prefer.

Also use this to send photos into school for show and tell or topic work

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