

Dear Children, Parents and Families,

Welcome to Wildfire Class!

I hope you have all had a wonderful time together over the summer and are ready to start the new year feeling refreshed and raring to go. I am looking forward to really getting to know the children as they move into Wildfire class, and I am sure that we will have a successful and fun year of learning.

During our first 2 weeks back in school we will be working on the book 'Once Upon a Fairytale' written and illustrated by Natalia and Lauren O'Hara. We have already been getting back into the swing of learning through a range of activities including choosing key characters and plot points throughout the story and then re-telling these versions in class. We have also been using the beautiful illustrations to support us in our descriptive writing.

THE RAINFOREST

For the rest of this term, we will be learning all about 'The Rainforest'. Links will be made across many areas of the curriculum. We will use some superb and engaging texts such as 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. Within our geography unit some of the areas we will explore include where rainforests are found; their geographical features; what the climate is like; and the effects humans have on the rainforest.

You can find further information about the school's curriculum on the school website.

PE

PE days for Wildfire will be Monday and Wednesdays, in the afternoon. Please remember that unless children are doing sports clubs, children are asked to keep their PE kits in school on their peg.



Spellings, reading and homework.

Towards the beginning of each term, children will be sent home with a sheet of week-by-week spellings. The new spellings will be introduced to the children in school, weekly on Mondays. Children are expected to practice these spelling words at home, and they will then be tested on these spellings the following Monday.



Children will bring their reading books home from school, which will be in line with the children's AR levels. We continue to ask that **all children** read at home at least **four times a week** and kindly ask that an adult signs the reading record to record this has been done – (children **should not** be filling these in themselves when they read independently). If children are choosing to read books at home by themselves, please try to make yourself available to them to support with their reading or understanding of any unfamiliar words they may encounter.

TT rockstars should also be used regularly to support them in practicing their times tables. This will greatly benefit all of the children in their maths fluency but is especially important for the children in year 4, who will be completing the multiplication check towards the end of year 4.

Any further information regarding additional homework tasks will be sent out in due course.

Birthday Book List

A reminder to please refrain from sending your child into school with sweets/cake on their birthday.

Please find below, some recommended titles for our Wildfire class birthday booklist:

1. Beetle Boy by MG Leonard
2. The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
3. Malamander by Thomas Taylor
4. The House of One Hundred Clocks by A M Howell
5. The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson
6. Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold
7. Bloom by Nicola Skinner
8. The 1,000-year-old Boy by Ross Welford
9. The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan
10. Asher and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan
11. Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties by Humza Arshad and Henry White
12. Little Badman and the Time-travelling Teacher of Doom by Humza Arshad and Henry White
13. Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
14. Dog Man by Dav Pilkey
15. Sam Wu Is NOT Afraid of Ghosts by Katie and Kevin Tsang
16. Johnny Ball: Accidental Football Genius by Matt Oldfield
17. There's a Werewolf in My Tent! by Pamela Butchart
18. The Astonishing future of Alex Nobody by Kate-Gilby Smith
19. The Peculiar Tale of Tentacle Boy by Richard Pickard
20. Imagine you were there... Walking on the Moon by Caryn Jenner
21. Imagine you were there... Winning the Vote for Women by Caryn Jenner
22. Real Pigeons Fight Crime by Andrew McDonald
23. Grimwood by Nadia Shireen
24. The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler

I am really looking forward to a fun and successful year of learning ahead. I am sure that lots of progress as well as many special memories will be made by the children over the course of this next academic year.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child and their learning.

Best wishes,

Miss Murray