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### SPRING TERM 2024 – HEREFORD CLASS

Dear Hereford families,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you so much for your generosity at the end of last term. The cards with personal messages, gifts and voucher was so incredibly kind of you all. I am so grateful. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

This Spring letter aims to give you an overview of the this term and provide you with information about your child's learning and expectations.

Below is an outline of the teaching of the Amberley Immersion Curriculum (AIC) for this term:

1. PSHE – Physical Health & Mental Well-being
2. Geography – Our Earth
3. Science – Forces
4. Art – Printing

All of the overviews for the AIC can be found on the class page and provide ideas for you to help support your children at home. We will be completing both Music and Computing weekly.

Please can I remind you that I update the Hereford BLOG weekly, which outlines what is happening in class and will keep you up to date with the work that your children do. If you have not already signed up to receive notifications, please do so on the website.

<https://www.amberleyschool.co.uk/hereford>

Mr Spurrier from Atlas sports will continue to teach PE each Friday and myself on a Thursday. Please could you continue to bring your children to school in PE kits on both of these days. Children will also require warm clothing for a Friday. Children can remain in their PE kits but will need additional clothing **and footwear** as they are outside all afternoon, no matter the weather! We will continue to provide waterproofs. A number of children were using the same footwear for both PE and outdoor learning last term and they need two lots of footwear, especially with the weather – it gets very muddy in the Planny so they are unable to use the shoes for PE too.

Please could I ask that children bring water bottles in every day. This way they are able to access water regularly and independently.

Thank you for returning books that we hope your children enjoyed over the Christmas break. If you have not yet returned these, please make sure that you do as soon as possible so that we can tick them off our list. Reading records will be checked daily and notes from home are really valuable so please do make comments about how your child has got on with the book they have read at home. As you know, we have a big focus on reading fluency and ask that children re-read books, where appropriate, so please look out for comments from us, within their records. Please could I also ask that the reading books are kept inside a plastic, zip wallet and that water bottles are not put in bags. If you need one of these, please let me know. We have had several bottles leak and the books are very expensive to replace so please be mindful when packing bags.

Children will continue to have 3, separate weekly reading sessions, in addition to phonics in Year 1. The texts that I plan are separate from their home school reading books, using a more challenging text to help with fluency and stamina. We would like Year 1 children to reach the end of Phase 5 by the end of year. The week that your child is working on is on a sticker on the front of the book. Children have 26 stages to work through. We would like Year 2 children to reach stage 10 – white. Please continue reading regularly at home even when we have read in school. The more reading that the children do, the better, more confident fluent readers they become.

Homework will remain the same and spelling/phonics homework will be sent home weekly according to the sound or rule that has been taught. Before the Christmas break, I sent home some spellings that your child needs to focus on, please practise these where possible so that they are able to use these accurately. Please can I suggest that children complete their homework in stages so that they have several goes at practising the spelling rather than completing it all in one go. Applying their spellings to sentences if beneficial and we ask all parents to encourage your children to do this.

Thank you for your continued support and for a fantastic first term! I look forward to continuing to work with you and your children.

Many thanks,

**Mrs Hamilton**

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