



# HORRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## Discovery Class Autumn Term Newsletter

I hope you have had a relaxing summer break and I'd like to welcome you to the new school year and the autumn term! Our enquiry topic for this half term is, 'How can we walk the footsteps of the past?'/ "How can we create a museum without walls?' We would like to outline our learning for this term and remind you of our classroom procedures.

Please see the attached medium term plan for the learning covered in Discovery Class this half term. If you have any resources related to these themes we would be delighted for your children to bring these in and we will take very great care of them!

Every Friday, the children will take home spellings to practise, a grammar activity and a maths activity linked to what we are doing in the classroom. We also require children to practise their times tables at home, there are lots of fun games to play and songs to help them learn them by heart. We normally give children a week to complete these tasks. Every week, the children will have a spelling test based on the spellings they have been learning for their homework over the week. It is very important that children have the chance to practise their spellings and tables at home, as it will help with their general progress in maths and literacy. As a suggested guideline, homework should take 20-30 minutes to complete. If children are unsure of the task we are happy for them to come and discuss their homework with us during the week. We are also pleased for parents to support their children.

The children will continue to bring home a reading journal, which should be used to record their reading out of school. We would ask that you listen to your child read and discuss their reading with them at least four times a week; there will be dojo points for children who have done this. During the week children can earn even more dojo points and stickers for positive behaviour and attitude. At the end of each half term, there is a prize draw for children who have earned the most dojo points.

For PE, children are required to wear their PE kits into school and home again. Mr Holmes will be teaching PE lessons, which are on a Monday. There is no need for their school uniforms to be brought to school.

If you have any queries please feel free to arrange a time to discuss these with us or as necessary we can arrange access to the school SENCO, Mrs Devine.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term!

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Hine (Class teacher), Kathryn Cull (teaching assistant, Mr Fudge (SEN teaching assistant) and Miss Nicholas (SEN teaching assistant)