Dear Parents/Carers,

As we settle into the new academic year, can we remind you that children should read daily at home. We also ask that weekly spellings are practised at home, as well as 10 minutes on TT Rockstars. We do have the opportunity to practise spelling and TT Rockstars at school. Longer projects for homework will be sent out with more information later in the year.

Children have been enjoying their desk in Seahorse class, and can we gently remind everyone that toys are not allowed in school, only a small teddy from home has been permitted for them to keep inside desks as a mascot! All stationary equipment is provided, and we understand some children may choose to keep home items in their desk, but there is no requirement to do this. Bags to and from school only need to carry a reading book and reading record, as well as a named water bottle and packed lunch if needed. We ask that outside shoes or old trainers are provided so that children can join in with the Bawdsey Bolt and breaktimes on the field.

This term, Seahorse class will be enjoying cooking on Fridays with Miss. Sarah in our School teaching kitchen. Containers will be provided this time for food to go home in. We will be focusing on reading skills in Seahorse class, with daily home reading supporting our reading in class. We are reading several texts together including Leaf by Sandra Dieckman, and The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon by Richard Adams. We will be looking at vocabulary, as well as comprehension, and writing reports, persuasive letters, newspaper articles, short stories and making books.

In Maths we are focusing on ‘lace value and addition and subtraction. We will also be improving our reasoning and problem solving skills, working on explaining why and how things work. We will also look at measurement, perimeter, length and money. Times Tables will be a focus in our mental work, as quick recall helps our mathematical fluency. Year 2 focusing on 2 x tables, and Year 3 focusing on 3 and 4 x tables.

We will also be enjoying Science projects which focus on animals, including humans. We will be looking at mammals, skeletons and nutrition. We will also visit the beach to begin a project on rocks. This links to our History project which is finding out about The Prehistoric Era including Stone Age/Bronze Age/Iron Age, where we will be visited by a local falconry expert to meet a bird of prey. We will also study the roles of women in Celtic society and find out all about Boudicca. In Geography, we will be using world map and using compass directions as well as fieldwork skills. In ICT we are working on systems and sharing digital information. In PE we are enjoying ball skills and team games with Premier Sports. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays this term. Please can the children come in with PE kit on for those days. We also have the opportunity to join after school club with Premier Sports on Tuesdays.

We also have Harvest and Christmas events to look forward to.

What an action-packed Term!

Best Wishes

Mrs. Simoes and Mrs. Rankin