

Sempringham 24 – Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year from The Sempringham Team!

A polite reminder that the gates open at 8:40am and registration starts at 8:45am, with lessons starting at 8:50am. At home time the gates open at 3:10 and the children are dismissed at 3:15 – please be prompt in pick up!

Our topic this term in History is Anglo Saxons. We will be looking at what life was like for the early settlers, including learning about what they wore, their housing and the most importantly, the challenges they faced.

In Science we will be looking at Forces and Gravity. We have already made our own magnetic game, and will be investigating more into forces as the term progresses. In Art we will be looking at illuminated letters and creating our own! Our focus text in English is Anglo-Saxon Boy – we will be using this text to inspire narrative work, as well as newspaper reports and diaries.

Homework

Homework will be given out weekly, on a Friday, and should be handed in the following WEDNESDAY. This gives chance for a turn-around; for the homework to be checked and marked, before the next set of homework is given out. There will be two pieces of homework (English and Maths) as well as spellings. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday. If your child is struggling with their homework, please let us know as soon as possible so we can help. Dojos will be given out for homework handed in on a Wednesday, and for spellings. **If your child does not hand in their homework, they will stay in on a Friday lunchtime to catch up.**

Reading

We encourage children to read every night, it is a key part of your child's holistic learning. But, at an absolute minimum, 3 times a week (any home books included). We will be continuing to use reading diaries so we can make sure your child is reading regularly. Please sign your child's reading diary when they have read (this doesn't always need to be to you – independent reading is also fine.) Your child will receive dojo points for reading at home and completed AR tests. **If your child has not read a minimum 3 times in a week, they will stay in on a Friday lunchtime to catch up.**

Dojo

Don't forget, you can always contact any member of the Sempringham team on Dojo. If you do need to contact the school in an emergency, it is better to contact the office as we can't always check dojo messages when we are teaching. We do check it regularly however if you send a message in the evening or at weekends, we may not get back to you until the next working day. Please note that Miss Beck works on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Done works on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so please check who's working when sending messages.

Kind regards,

Miss Beck, Mrs Done, Miss Bateman and Miss Dunbavand