

Staff

The staff working in Mill Class are:

- ❖ Mr Evans (Class Teacher)
- ❖ Mrs Kirby (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)
- ❖ Mrs Dunsby (Class Teacher Thursday afternoon)
- ❖ Mrs Coulson (French Teacher, Friday)
- ❖ Toby Elborough (PE Specialist, Friday)

PE

P.E days are **Thursday and Friday**. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school every day and that it is all clearly labelled.

Pencil Case

Pencil case contents: pencil, colour pencils, Parker Vector fountain pen (blue ink), highlighter, glue-stick, ruler, sharpener, rubber, whiteboard pen

Library/books

Children must bring their personal reading book each day to school. They have regular opportunities to read their book and visit the school library to change or browse books.

Welcome to Mill Class

Reading

We want children to develop or continue a love of reading. Please encourage your child to read every day; this doesn't have to be a book, it could be a leaflet, instructions, a magazine or a newspaper article.

In order for us to monitor some of this reading and to encourage reflective reading, we ask children to record comments in the space available for this in their diary (purple cover). This should not be an onerous task, and need not be every time they read.

Three times over a week is a minimum.

Here are some possible sentence starts to help you:

I learnt this word today.....it means...

..... (character's name) reminds me of.....because...

I enjoyed this book because...

I think that.....will happen next because...

I think (character's name) is..... (describe character) because...

I like some of the words the author chose to use, I'm going to try to use.....in my writing.

.....(author's name) style of writing is similar to(author's name) because

Homework

Homework is set on **Monday**. It is **due on Friday**: spellings, times tables, reading, take-away choice of activity (two per term minimum).

It is essential that homework is submitted on time to foster good habits, so the children learn the importance of meeting deadlines and, from our viewpoint, so we have time to mark the children's efforts. However, if family commitments mean that homework cannot be completed in a particular week, please write a note in the homework book or catch me on the playground in the morning.

Water

Please make sure that your child brings a named bottle of water into school each day for the classroom.

Times Tables

Our aim is for all children to know the times table facts up to 12x12.

This is part of the weekly homework. Once your child knows them, focus on increasing speed of recall and knowing the division facts too (6x7=42, so 42÷6=7 and 42÷7=6). The Internet is a great resource for finding interactive games for learning tables facts. The children will be tested every Tuesday ('Times Table Tuesday')

Forest School/Wellies

All Year 6 every other Thursday afternoon: a change of clothing (waterproofs, wellies) is required.

To make use of the field all year, children are encouraged to bring a pair of wellies to school.

Any queries, questions or concerns, please come and speak to one of us at any time.