

Staff

The staff working in Mill Class are:

- ❖ Mr Evans (Class Teacher)
- ❖ Mrs Kirby (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)
- ❖ Mrs Dunsby (Class Teacher Thursday afternoon)

PE

P.E days are **Thursday and Friday**. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit (white T-shirt, white shorts, socks, trainers, hair tie for long hair, jogging bottoms and a jumper for the cold weather) in school every day and that it is all clearly labelled.

Library

We visit our library regularly and children can take out books. There are also other opportunities (at break) in the week when the library will be open for children to change their books. Please ensure that your children look after these 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 ofbecause...

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**.

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.

Homework Grid: children complete 2 activities from the grid each half-term in addition to the homework set weekly.

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 ($6 \times 7 = 42$, so $42 \div 6 = 7$ and $42 \div 7 = 6$). 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.