



Limbrick News



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Welcome back - ready and raring to go for a new term in the juniors.

Reading is a very important part of learning in school as well as at home. I encourage the children to read every single day regardless of ability - this does not always have to be sat down reading to an adult but could just be reading alone for pleasure. You could always check that they have actually read by asking them a few questions about the book. On that point reading at home doesn't always have to be books, reading comics and magazines are just as valuable for the children as it allows them to experience a range of text types. The children will however be given a school reading book as well as having access to the junior library. I do expect the children to change their school reading book a least once a week although if they are avid readers every day is also acceptable 😊. Our library day is Monday so if your child would like to change their library book it needs to be in school on a Monday.

This half term our whole school focus is 'A Night at the Movies'. Last year we talked to children from each of the classes and many of them expressed an interest in learning about films especially following the success of our Year 6 class in the film making competition. In year 3 we will be taking a closer look at Harry Potter. We will be looking at designing and making cages to trap the giant spider Aragog, developing our mapping skills by looking at maps of Hogwarts and Hogsmeade, learning to play the Hedwig's Theme on the glockenspiel, making a cross stitch book mark using our Hogwarts house team colours, plus so much more. As you can see it's going to be a busy half term.

I know that starting in the juniors can be a very nervous time for some children and I have tried to reassure them on our 'Meet the Teacher' day before the holidays. If your child is worried about anything please do encourage them to talk to someone about it as if we don't know, we can't help.

This year we have introduced a new term in school KIRF - Key Instant Recall Facts. They are maths facts which are absolutely vital for our children to know off by heart and as the name suggests have instant recall of. Each half term your child will be given a new set of facts appropriate for their age range. We suggest that they practice learning these 3 times a week. You don't need to spend lots of time on them just 5 or 10 minutes and try to make it as fun as possible. The sheets we have sent home have some top tips and suggested activities and websites to help make learning the facts fun. It is important that the children keep practicing them even when they think they know them as the more practice they have the quicker they will become

Our First Day as Juniors



At the start of each half term the children will be given a homework sheet with a range of activities on. The children should choose four of these activities to do over the half term - although they can do more if they want. Throughout the year I try to encourage the children to take greater responsibility for their learning and encourage them to manage their time well. As part of this I would suggest that they should aim to do one piece of homework a week rather than leave it all to the end of the half term. I understand that home life can be very busy but developing the skills now will help them as they progress through the juniors as they get more homework and indeed prepare them for secondary school - which I know is a very long way down the line, but it is best to start good habits now.