

# Welcome to Mill

## Staff

The staff working in Mill Class are:

- ❖ Mr Evans (Class Teacher)
- ❖ Mrs Bolland (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)
- ❖ Mrs Taylor (Class Teacher Wednesday afternoon)
- ❖ Mr Lewis (Henry - PE Teacher)

## PE

P.E days are **Wednesday and Friday**. Please come to school in PE kit on these days. Long hair must be tied back.

## Pencil Case

Children should have a pencil case with the following equipment: pencil, whiteboard pen, coloured pencils, glue-stick, scissors, fountain pen (if issued a pen licence) highlighter, green correcting pen...

Some important information for you....

## 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**.

-Maths (set on Seesaw)

-Times Table Tuesday (tables test weekly)

-Reading and 'Reading Diary' - three comments each week

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 review the children's efforts. It is very helpful if you mark the maths homework with a colour code: green, amber or red, depending on your child's response.

## Water/snack

Learning is thirsty work so please make sure that your child brings a named bottle of water into school each day for the classroom. A fruit/vegetable snack for morning break is also important.

## 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  $42 \div 7 = 6$ ). Visit 'Times Table Rock-Stars' to rehearse tables knowledge and increase fluency. The children will be tested every Tuesday ('Times Table Tuesday')

## Wellies

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