



# Newsletter

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Welcome back to the new school year and we hope that you enjoyed the summer break. Over the holidays our amazing staff teams have been working hard to ensure our school is ready for your children to start their new learning adventure with us. The whole school topic for this term is: The Secret Quest and each class will be taking this theme in a different direction.

The class topic titles are:

Aqua class - Turrets and Tiaras

Terra class - Walk like an Egyptian

Ignis class - To Quest is Best!

I would like to say thank you to all the staff who have been in school over the summer break and given up their own time to create our stunning learning environments.



## **Reading and our library**

This year we will continue with our 4 books a month reading challenge which proved successful last academic year. Every child will bring home a reading book and library book this week which we would encourage they read or have read to them every night. Children will also continue to have access to bug club online reading books (passwords and logins will remain the same) and we will send out further details this week of how to access this fantastic resource if you cannot remember how to access it at home.

We are also pledging to either hear read or read to the children at school for 10 minutes every day and therefore we will be asking you to pledge the same.

*If a child reads for only 1 minute each day that is 180 minutes in a school year which is approximately exposure to 8000 words.*

*If a child reads for 5 minutes each day that is 900 minutes in a school year which is approximately exposure to 282,000 words.*

*If a child reads for 20 minutes each day that is 3,600 minutes in a school year which is approximately exposure to 1,800,000 words.*

Each month we will check reading/homework diaries and bug club accounts to see who has achieved the challenge so please ensure you write in them when your child reads at home. A reward and certificate will then be given.

Over the holidays our library has also had a revamp and we are now looking for donations of soft furnishings to make it a cosy and enticing place to read. If you have any unwanted cushions, bean bags or even a rocking chair we would be very grateful.



## **Homework**

We will be setting homework (spellings and maths) w/c 18th September. Spellings will be issued on a Monday and tested on a Monday, Maths will be set on a Friday and will be due back on the following Thursday.

## **Clubs**

Clubs will start w/c 11th September and letters will be sent home this week. Unfortunately Mad Science club has been cancelled by the provider and will not run this term.

## **Dates for the diary**

Please check our school website [www.cosgroveprimary.org.uk](http://www.cosgroveprimary.org.uk) for all our school diary dates.