



## Jackdaw Class

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the children joining Jackdaw Class this year and hope that they enjoy their year learning with us. Hopefully this page will help explain how things will run in Jackdaw Class.

### Home Learning

In Jackdaw Class, children will be given homework on a **Friday** to be handed in on **Monday**, Tuesday morning at the very latest. It will either be Maths, English or Reading and related to what we have been doing in class that week.

### Reading

There is an opportunity for children to read every day. They are encouraged to read a variety of genres, and a record will be kept of their book choices to enable us to monitor this. This is a move on from the home school reading record book that you will be familiar with, to encourage children to take responsibility for their own learning. We will review this after a few weeks to see how the children are responding to this level of independence. Please do your best to encourage your child to read at home at least 3 times a week.

### Spelling

Whilst there is no weekly spelling test in Jackdaw Class, the children will take part in a daily activity around a specific spelling rule. The approach is to immerse the children in the vocabulary and origin of words, in order to help them recall the rules.

### Themes

Our themes for year are: **Earth, Wind and Fire** (Extreme Weather); **Great Expectations** (Victorians); **Home Front** (WW2); **To Infinity and Beyond** (Space); **The Big One** (Asia); **Question of Sport** (Sport and Health).

The topics covered within each theme will be those of greatest interest to the class. An emphasis will be put on independent research and notetaking skills, with a view to promoting a more mature attitude to their work.

### Rewards

In Jackdaw class children can earn Dojo points for their learning, behaviour and attitude in school and every week the child with the most Dojos wins a prize. Children can earn these for their participation in class, home learning and overall behaviour in and around the school.

### Stationery

All the necessary stationery is supplied to the children in their own pencil case that is kept at their desks. Thank you for supplying a pencil case, the pencil case pockets are working really well! All the children have a tray in the classroom as well as their own pencil case pockets to keep their school supplies separate and safe.



### **Uniform**

Regulation and advice around clothing and equipment needed at school can be found on the website under essential information. Regular checks will take place to ensure that this is being adhered to. Anyone not wearing the regulation footwear will be kept in at breaktime.

### **PE Kit**

Our P.E slots are on a Monday and Thursday - these will both be outside so children are allowed to have tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie/jumper for the winter months. We would ask that you ensure that your child has their full PE Kit in school every day, in case of an impromptu PE session. Earrings are not to be worn during PE. If your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, we ask that they do not wear them to school that day, or bring in tape to cover them.

### **Early finish on Fridays**

The children will be going home early on Fridays to allow teachers to plan for the coming week. To avoid other teachers entering a class bubble in order to cover this planning time.

### **Teaching Assistants**

Mrs Elsdon will be the main TA for the class this year.

Miss Smart and Mrs Elsdon