



AISKEW, LEEMING BAR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to join the team at Aiskew Leeming Bar CE Primary School, and I look forward to working closely with Mrs Kitching, who teaches the class on Tuesdays, and getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and months.

This term, our topic is Evolution and Inheritance, and so we shall be looking at animal and plant evolution, famous scientists who have contributed to our scientific understanding in this area, and investigating at how animals and plants adapt and survive.

Linking to our topic, we'll be looking at biographies and autobiographies, historical fiction and the 'Just So Stories' in our Literacy work. We'll be investigating portraits in Art, and learning to talk about ourselves and describe our faces in French. We'll be making short animations in ICT, and furthering our knowledge of e-Safety.

To help us with this topic, may I request:

- A photo of you and your child, and (if possible) one of you as a child of the same age as your child is now?
- Any small boxes (about the size of a smallish teabag box)

PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, so please make sure your child has their PE kit in school for those sessions.

We are introducing a new spelling scheme, and your child will have regular spellings to learn. These will be practised in school and tested weekly, and your child will let you know their test day once we've allocated spelling groups.

Regular weekly homework will be:

Reading – Daily (whenever possible). 15-30 minutes. This could be magazines, newspapers, fact books, guided reading books, home or library books, with or without parents. Please don't hesitate to come in and borrow reading resources from school. Please record reading in the reading diary.

Maths – one homework per week, linked to class work

Literacy – one homework per week, linked to class work

Times tables practice

Spellings - These will also be practised in school with daily spelling practice.

In addition, there will be occasional research tasks and a creative homework project to complete each half term. I appreciate your help in supporting the school and your child with this. (When there's a creative homework project, there won't be English and Maths tasks).

If you have any questions, or just to come along and say hello, I hope to be on the playground after school most days.

Kind regards,

Mrs Monaghan