



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to a new school term. It is lovely to see all the children back and settling into their classes and school routine. Our main driver subject for this term is Geography where we will be learning all about rivers and mountains, as well as compass points, map reading including grid references and how our landscapes change. We will also be learning about solids, liquids and gases in science and looking at landscape paintings in Art, along with many other things!

Please find below some key information for you.

1) Reading is the most crucial part of your child's learning and is central to all other curriculum areas. You have received your child's Reading Diary alongside a reading book. This is intended as a reading record to log every time your child reads at home, this can be recorded by your child if you wish. Your child is asked to read at home every night as part of their home learning. A record of reading at home is kept in school and rewards are given weekly for consistent reading. We regard reading as fundamental to your child's academic development and ask for your help in supporting us to develop their fluency and understanding. We recommend 10 minutes a day, but more if you wish.

2) Your child is free to bring a water bottle into class filled with water. We will provide the children with the stationery they need. We ask that no other items are brought into school unless agreed and discussed with your class teacher, this includes toys for playtimes. The children may bring in a healthy snack to be consumed at morning playtime. Children are permitted to ride wheeled vehicles to school which will live in the wheeled covered area at own risk.

3) The children will continue to wear PE kits into school on the days they have PE. PE days for Miss Carwithen's class are Wednesday and Friday, Mr Ward/Miss James' class are Monday and Thursday, and Mrs Hewitt's class are Wednesday and Thursday. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts, and trainers. In cold weather children may wear black track suit bottoms or black leggings and their school jumper for warmth (no hoodies please). Long hair must be tied back so, if this applies, please provide hair bands. On all other days, children should wear correct school uniform.

4) Please label all clothes including PE kits with your child's name. Items rarely get lost if they have a name in them!



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5) Home Learning will be set on a Friday via Microsoft Teams and will be expected to be handed in, on Teams, on the following Wednesday. Home learning consolidates and supports work in school and will be monitored. Please encourage your child to do their home learning independently, as this is an important habit to develop, but of course if your child needs support then don't hesitate to give it. If your child is struggling and is unable to complete the home learning then please ask them to inform us so we can offer support.

6) Spelling is one of our main focuses for home learning this year as it is a vital element of children's writing. Children should be able to spell statutory words set within the National Curriculum according to each year group. Any children who haven't yet achieved this expected level will be given additional support within school. We will also send the spellings home so you are aware of what they will be required to learn. Please can you do your best to support your child in learning these spellings so together we can help them reach the expected level. You will receive your child's current spelling list. All highlighted spellings are those that your child already knows. Please help your child over the course of the term to learn to spell some of the others. We will be learning five spellings a week and testing them once a week.

7) Our learning starts at 8.55am, Children who arrive late are missing important information and part of the first lesson. Therefore, could you please make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time, thank you.

We hope this has answered some immediate questions you may have. Please never hesitate to speak to us, either in the morning or after school. If it is a more delicate matter, please contact us through the school office via email or telephone call.

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to another happy and successful term.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Hewitt, Mr Ward, Miss James, Miss Carwithen, Mrs Hall, Mrs Shipton and Mrs Graves.



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