

Dear Parents and carers,



Welcome back!



I hope you've all had a great summer holiday and the children have enjoyed their time being back at school. It's been lovely to see the children come into school each morning with a smile and lots of enthusiasm for the day ahead!

Reminders of things your child needs to bring to school every day:

- Water Bottles (Named)

The children keep their water bottles in a tray at the back of the classroom so they can access their drink throughout the day. Please note that bottles should only contain water.

- Their Book Bag

We ask the children to keep this in their tray in the classroom so **reading books**, **library books** and **reading diaries** can be quickly accessed to read when required or to change their books.

- Weather Appropriate Clothing

As the weather at the moment can be very changeable, please make sure your child has an appropriate **coat or jacket** and **sunhat** in school.

This term, our PE lessons are on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Cricket lessons will take place on **Fridays** for this half term only.

Please send your child to school in their PE kits on these days.

Homework

To reinforce and enhance their learning, the children will be asked to complete the following homework tasks:

- **Reading** (fully decodable books and library books) - *more information to be provided*
- **Maths 'Number Kit' Targets** - *details about this will be in their homework books*
- **Rainbow Spellings** - *allocated on Seesaw every Friday*
- **Knowledge Organiser** - **key facts and vocabulary to learn** (with optional topic related activities)
- **Reading Challenges** (aim for one activity a week) - *stuck into your child's reading diary*



Our topic this term is 'Journeys'.
Our enquiry question is 'How far can we go?'

We will be exploring this topic through our Power of Reading book in **literacy**.

In **history**, we'll be learning about the life of Neil Armstrong, moon landings and the 'Space Race'. We'll also be finding out about the first aeroplane flight.

In **geography**, we will be exploring the geographical similarities and differences between an area of the UK and a country outside of Europe. We will be learning about compass directions as well as using maps, globes and atlases.

In **science**, we'll be working scientifically using different scientific methods and processes. We'll be asking questions, performing simple tests, and observing and gathering data.

Phonics and Reading Books

As you will have read on the school's bulletin letter, we are introducing a new phonics scheme to meet the requirements of early reading established by the government. The scheme we are going to be using is called 'Little Wandle'.

Once the children's phonic knowledge has been assessed, we'll begin to send home reading books. All books sent home will be very closely matched your child's phonic learning within school and will be fully decodable. This means that your child won't encounter sounds within words that they haven't been taught yet.



When reading at home with your child, the focus will be on their fluency, expression and understanding of the text.

We will share more details regarding this before reading books are sent home with the children.

Library Books

The children will choose **two free choice library books** to take home to share with their families. These can be read to the children and enjoyed with others. The children can bring these back to exchange them for new library books **as soon as they have finished them**.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Many thanks,

Miss Smith