

Monday 9th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,



This letter will give you a reminder of some of our classroom routines along with any updates since last term.

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

Please make sure your child brings an appropriate **coat or jacket** to school each day.



This term, our PE lessons will continue to be on

Wednesday and Thursday.

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 phonic books and sharing library books*
- **Maths 'Number Kit' Targets** - *please find these in your child's purple homework book*
- **Rainbow Spellings** - *allocated weekly via Seesaw*
- **Times Table Rock Stars** - *more information about this will be shared this week.*
- **Knowledge Organiser** (key facts and vocabulary to learn as well as optional topic related activities) - *this will be allocated via Seesaw and a paper copy will be sent home with your child.*
- **Reading Challenges** (aim for one activity a week) - *please find these in your child's reading diary*



Phonic Books and Reading Records

As before, please continue to make sure both of these are in school with your child every day. We will continue to change the children's phonic reading book once a week after they have been read in their guided reading lessons.



Library Books

The children will continue to 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**.

Our topic this term is 'Our Wonderful World'.

Our enquiry question is 'What makes our world so wonderful today?'

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

In **history**, we'll be learning about Queen Victoria. We'll also be finding out about seaside holidays during the Victorian period and comparing them with seaside holidays in the present day.

In **geography**, we will be exploring the names, locations and characteristics of the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and surrounding seas. We will be learning to identify physical and human geographical features using the appropriate vocabulary.

In **science**, we'll be learning about plants and living things.

Please refer to your child's knowledge organiser for this term for more details about this topic. Their knowledge organiser will include key facts and vocabulary for the children to practise and learn at home.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning.

Kind regards,

Miss Smith