



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all! It has been lovely to see all of the children this week.

Teaching Dragonfly class this year will be Mrs Firman on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Mrs Whitefoot on Thursday and Friday, supported by Mrs Edwards, Mrs Mayes and Mrs Farley.

Safety

Although many Covid restrictions have now been lifted, we are following government guidance and still want to keep pupils, staff and families as safe as possible.

We will have regular hand washing routines on entry to school and before lunch. Hand sanitiser is available as children need it.

The classrooms will continue to be well ventilated with open windows throughout lessons. For this reason, please check that your child remembers their jumper or cardigan every day.

For the first term at least, the school will continue to provide pencil cases for KS2 children, containing all that they need. Please do not send children in with their own pencil cases for the moment- we will keep you updated if this changes after Christmas.

PE

Dragonfly class will have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days.

Curriculum

Our school has developed an exciting new curriculum, involving termly projects. For the Autumn term, the theme for the whole school is 'Belonging', with each

class focusing on a key question. In *Dragonfly Class*, the question we will be exploring is **How have we been shaped by the past?**

Our project work will incorporate History, Geography, RE, Art and DT strands. We will be investigating the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, discover the history of our local area and look into how Tasburgh has been influenced by Roman rule.

In English, we will be studying a non-fiction text: *Shackleton's Journey*, which explores the great adventure to Antarctic waters. Through this, we will be discussing what makes a community and produce daily logs as a crew member.

Maths will be taught separately, with us starting the year looking at place value, shape, space and measure, and key calculation methods.

Reading books

Your child will be able to choose from a selection of books. These will be provided in the classroom, but library visits will also begin again in the next couple of weeks. Some children prefer to read their own books, so they may use these instead.

Books are now able to travel between school and home on a daily basis. We will be encouraging the children to keep a log of their reading at home and a learning diary will be sent home shortly which can be used to record this.

Equipment

Your child will need these items each day:

- a full water bottle
- a packed lunch in a hard, wipe clean lunchbox (unless they are having a school dinner)
- their reading book
- a jumper or cardigan

Homework

Homework will begin to be set during the next couple of weeks. In Dragonfly Class, your child's weekly homework will consist of:

- An activity in their Maths or SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) **workbooks**, which will be coming home shortly
- Weekly **spellings** based on the individual spelling lists each child is working from
- **Maths games** through the website Active Learn, which can be accessed as needed
- Learning facts and vocabulary from the project's **Knowledge Organiser**
- And most importantly, **reading** as much as possible, ideally: every day

Maths homework will be set on a Wednesday and English on a Friday.

Homework should be back in school to be marked by Tuesday. If homework is late, it's not always possible for us to mark it in time.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us via the school office.

Best wishes,

Jo Firman and Fran Whitefoot