

Dear parents and carers,



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

Reading Books

The children should always have at least two fully decodable reading books in their bag each day along with their reading diary. After they have read, please record page numbers and any comments in their reading diary. The children are asked to keep their books and diary in their tray at school throughout the day so they can read with adults at school.

When reading at home, the focus should be on fluency, expression and understanding of the text. By reading at home regularly for just 5 minutes, you are giving your child the chance to rehearse and consolidate skills they're being taught in school and build their confidence.



Changing Reading Books

The children need to read each book **at least twice** before they are changed. If you're aware your child needs to change their book, please remind them to hand in their books and reading diary first thing in the morning. They need to put these into the **blue basket in the classroom**. We also remind the children to do this before entering the classroom and aim to change their books by the end of the school day. Remember that re-reading texts helps to build fluency!

Library Books

The children have the opportunity to choose **two free choice library books** to take home to share with their families **every Friday**.



Our PE lessons are 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:

- **Daily reading** (fully decodable reading books)
- **Reading challenges** (at least one activity a week).
These are stuck into your child's reading diary.
- **Knowledge organiser facts and vocabulary** (with optional topic related activities)
- **Rainbow Spellings** (allocated on Seesaw on Fridays)
- **Active Learn: Interactive Maths Games** (one game allocated a week on Fridays)



There will be a new writing challenge starting soon in Bumblebee class.

This will be an optional weekly homework challenge that the Bumblebees can take part in.

More information about this will be sent out soon.

Below are a few reminders of things your child needs to bring to school:

- **Water Bottles**

Water bottles are kept in a tray at the back of the classroom so the children can access their drink throughout the day. Please note that bottles should be named and only contain water.

- **Weather Appropriate Clothing**

Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing with them in school every day. As we keep the classroom well ventilated, it can be very chilly so your child might want to wear extra layers underneath their uniform.

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

Kind regards,

Miss Smith