

Thursday 21st April 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've all had a nice holiday and enjoyed some of the sunshine over the Easter break!



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

Reading Books

As before, 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.

Re-reading texts helps to build fluency and confidence!

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)
- **Rainbow Spellings** (allocated on Seesaw on Fridays)
- **Active Learn: Interactive Maths Games** (one game allocated a week on Fridays)
- **Knowledge organiser facts and vocabulary** (with optional topic related activities)
- **Reading challenges** (at least one activity a week).

These have been stuck in your child's reading diary.



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. Water bottles with sports caps are preferable as they are less easily spilt.

- **Weather Appropriate Clothing**

Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing with them in school every day.



Sun Hats



As the weather is getting warmer, please make sure your child has a sun hat in school as we like to use the outside areas as much as possible during lesson times as well as during play times.



Ventilation in the Classrooms



We will be continuing to keep the classroom well ventilated so your child might want to wear extra layers underneath their uniform on chillier or breezier days.

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

Kind regards,

Miss Smith