

8th September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break over the summer. It was lovely to see everyone back in school. This term, we will be returning to our normal curriculum. We will continue to work hard to help the children to catch up on key skills they may have missed.

We will be using a new website – 10ticks - to practise our maths facts. We trialled the website in the summer term and the children enjoyed the challenges it gave them. We will carry out the initial logon in school. Weekly maths practise will then be set for you child to revise their maths facts as homework. Each half term Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) will be given to your child to practise and learn at home. These include practical ideas for you to assist your child in gaining fluency. It is important that they know these thoroughly and can the recall specific facts instantly.

Although we hope that we will not need to return to remote learning again, we will continue to use Google Classroom in school. Your child's log in will be in the back of their home school diary. We will be following a phonic based spelling program and will be practising spellings each day in the classroom. Each week, your child will pick spellings at their own level from a choice of three lists. There is no requirement for spellings to be practised at home although if your child wishes to take home the week's spellings, they can write their list into their home school diary.

It is very important that children continue to read from a wide range of material including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. It is expected that your child reads at home to an adult or older sibling, daily, for approximately 15 minutes. It is important that you are questioning your child about what they have just read to you to check their understanding.

P.E. kits will need to be brought into school ASAP and remain in school for the half term. Swimming for Class 3 should take place in the Spring term so more details will be given out nearer to Christmas. As well as providing the appropriate sports kits, it is also essential that children have an apron or shirt for artwork, due to the messy nature of the subject!

May I also remind you that the children are welcome to bring fruit or vegetables from home to eat at break time. Nuts are not permitted in any form due to nut allergies. We would like to encourage all children to bring a named water bottle which can be refilled at break times.

If you require any further information, or have any queries or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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