

30th April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break over Easter! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school. This term, we have lots to do and lots to fit in! We have some other exciting things planned as it's the summer term including our trip to Blists Hill and the TalkAwayDon'tWalkAway showcase... possibly even a sleepover for the year 4s!

We are delighted with the response to TT Rock Stars so far this year. Those children who have practised regularly are making fantastic progress which is not only motivating for the child themselves but also makes a positive impact on their speed and accuracy of many of our classroom activities. Weekly sessions of 15 minutes per week are set as homework so please support your child by giving them the opportunity to practise at home. Your child's log on details are recorded in their home/school diary.

We also still have access to Century Tech, which is another fantastic online resource to support children with their learning. Most weeks, I allocate specific tasks related to what we are learning about but if these are completed then the programme automatically allocates relevant activities for children to complete in their own time. If anyone has any problems with access or understanding either of these online resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

It is important 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. Reading and comprehension skills are essential in order to access the rest of the curriculum and make the most of the opportunities presented to them. They will each be given a bookmark with some question ideas.

P.E. kits should still be worn in school on a Monday and a Thursday. Further information regarding swimming will be sent out nearer the time but as I have previously mentioned, we will be completing a two-week block of daily swimming like last year. This will take place towards the end of June after the half term break.

May I also remind you that the children are welcome to bring fruit or vegetables from home to eat at break time. We would like to encourage all children to bring a named bottle which contains water which can be refilled with water 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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