

5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break over the summer! It has been lovely to see everyone back in school and ready to learn! Please familiarise yourself with the information below as some aspects will be new now that the children are entering Key Stage 2!

We will be using TTRS (TimesTablesRockStars) as an aid for learning times tables, which is an extension of Numbots which the children should be familiar with. The majority of the children love it and it adds a healthy competitiveness to their maths learning. Times tables really are the foundation for a lot of deeper mathematics so these skills really are crucial, as well as for the end of year 4 statutory Multiplication Tables Check.

We have also had a really positive experience with SpellingShed, an online as well as in-class spelling reinforcement programme that builds on the phonics knowledge they have built in Key Stage 1. This will form the basis of homework and weekly online learning.

We continue to use Google Classroom in school and your child's log in will also be in 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 so worthwhile when you question your child about what they have just read to you to check and build on their understanding.

P.E. kits will need to be worn into school on the days we have P.E. and the children will remain in them all day. In Class 3, our P.E. days will be a Wednesday and a Thursday, so those days the children will need to come to school in their kit rather than school uniform. Swimming for Class 3 will also take place this term, starting Monday 6th October, and more details will be given out soon. 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 as necessary.

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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