



Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school and to a new academic year! We hope you have all had a very happy, restful summer holiday and you are looking forward to an exciting learning year ahead.

Our topic this term is called 'Riotous Royals!' and is related to Kings and Queens of Great Britain. Our Science focuses will be light and sound. On the back of this letter there is a curriculum overview for the autumn term.

*Homework (English and Mathematics) will be set on a Thursday for it to be completed and handed in by Tuesday of the following week. We encourage parental involvement in homework, especially if your child is experiencing difficulties. However, if they do need support, please advise them to come and see either one of us before they are due to hand in their homework.*

With regards to the weekly spellings the children need to learn, once they have done their test at school they will highlight the words they didn't get right in green on their homework sheet. Please encourage the children to do some further practice on these as well as learning the new words they will come home with. It is important that your child develops confidence in spelling a range of words as well as understanding the rules which need to be applied in order to spell words.

In addition to the weekly homework, children should read at home on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). It is important to discuss what your child has read to develop their comprehension skills.

With the increased expectation of the new curriculum, there is a focus on quick recall of all times table facts up to 12 x 12 and an expectation that children have a bank of known key facts which they can recall instantly. Each half term we will have a different focus on a set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) and a copy will be sent home. Please spend some time each week helping your child to learn these facts as well as their times tables as these skills will be invaluable to their progress and ability to apply their maths skills.

*P.E kit will be required for a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, however their full PE kit should be in school at all times as we sometimes have PE lessons on different days. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit for lessons and all items of uniform and kit are labelled. No jewellery is to be worn and earrings must be removed.*

On a Thursday afternoon, the children will have a Forest School lesson/s. Please refer to the bottom of the newsletter or the school app to find out which dates your child will be involved in forest school and the clothing they need to wear.

We are looking forward to getting to know you all and working together. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to see us at the end of the school day or make an appointment through the office.

Thank you and kind regards

Mrs Jones and Mrs Taylor