



Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school and to a new academic year! I hope you have all had a very happy summer holiday and your child is looking forward to the exciting learning year ahead. I thought I would inform you of a few things that you will need to know about.

## Topic

Our topic this term is called 'The Victorians' and our Science focuses will be electricity and important scientists. Attached to this letter is a curriculum overview for the autumn term.

## Homework

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 further support, please advise them to come and see me, or via the parent feedback on their homework sheet.

## Spellings

Weekly spellings, and the associated spelling rule, will be sent home on a Monday (in a separate book). The children will need to learn their weekly spellings, and its rule, ready for a spelling test on Friday of the same week. They will need to bring their Spelling Home Log Book into school on Friday because once they have done their test at school they will highlight the words they didn't get right in green. Children who get more than one wrong will need to do further practice over the weekend ready to be retested on the following Monday. I will notify you if this is the case. It is very important that your child develops confidence in spelling a range of familiar and unfamiliar words as well as understanding the rules that need to be applied in order to spell such words.



## Reading

Children should read at home (independently and to an adult) on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). These should be recorded in your child's reading record book. Their reading record book and reading book need to be in school everyday so that adults in school can hear your child and record their comments. It is also important to discuss what your child has read to help develop their reading comprehension skills.

## Maths Skills

For Maths there is a need for 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. and Forest School

A P.E. kit will be required for P.E. on a Wednesday and Thursday (unless the class is doing Forest School) afternoon, however their full P.E. kit should be in school at all times as we sometimes have these lessons on different days. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for lessons and all items, including their school uniform are clearly labelled. No jewellery is to be worn and earrings must be removed.

On a Thursday afternoon, the children will have Forest School. 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.

I am looking forward to working together to ensure your child is happy and that they achieve their full potential. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to see me at the end of the school day or make an appointment at the office.

Thank you and kind regards

*Miss Williams*

