

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you and your child back to the new school year; I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the children are well rested for a busy term. I am very much looking forward to another fantastic year working with your child.

Our Learning Journey for this term is based on our whole school theme: Explorers. This term, our class text will be 'Kensuke's Kingdom, Michael Morpurgo. This is a fantastic text for us to become fully immersed with. Alongside this text we will explore a range of other texts to enhance our learning. Please see the termly plan for an overview of some of the learning we will undertake. If you feel you can contribute towards our Learning Journey in any way (artefacts / books / photos, support in class with a particular skill etc.) it would be warmly welcomed.

### **Expectations**

As the children are moving into Key Stage 2, it is very important that the children become more independent and take more responsibility for their learning. I will continue to challenge and support your child in their learning, but I will expect your child to do their very best and contribute positively to our class so that we all have a very rewarding and successful year. We will be working on how we learn through our school's ACHIEVE approach to learning. It is important that we work together to help your child succeed both personally and academically.

### *Arrival at school*

Good attendance is necessary for good progress. Please ensure your child arrives between **8:45 and 8:55am** ready to start the day. Morning activities (Maths and Literacy based), which consolidate or challenge the children's learning, are set up for this time in readiness for registration of the class by 9am and a smooth transition into lessons.

### *Monies and messages*

All monies and messages must come into school via myself (or Parentmail) to assist Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Hughes in the office. It is important for the children to bring monies and messages in for themselves to help them become responsible and independent.

### *Outdoor clothing*

We all know the weather is very changeable at this time of year. Therefore, appropriate clothing must be in school; in particular, a warm/waterproof **coat** should be brought/worn to school every day.

### *Snack*

A breakfast snack will be available for Mrs Warner at break times each day, but if your child wants to bring a snack from home please ensure that it is a healthy snack as we are promoting healthy living.

### *School Lunch*

As the children have moved into Key Stage 2, they are no longer entitled to free school meals. The cost of a school lunch is £2.40 to be paid before the children have the dinner.

### Base 3 Timetable

We will have daily maths and English lessons with the afternoons dedicated to our Learning Journey, which will include science, art, design and technology, geography, history, music and computing. There may be times where some of these subjects will be linked due to the nature of the task.

On Wednesday afternoon the children will receive an hour of RE with Mrs Clarke and an hour of PE provided by Little Sports Coaching. We will also have a session of PE on Tuesday afternoon.

The children will continue to receive a 25 minute French lesson with Madame Sharpe on Friday mornings.

During Autumn term, the children will receive brass tuition, delivered by Love Music Trust. This will be an exciting hour long session once a week on Thursday mornings.

Day	8.45-9.00	9.00-9.25	9.25 – 10:20		10:20 – 10:40	10.40-11:00	11.00-11.55	11.55 - 1.00	1.00-1:20	1.20 – 1.50 (5 – 10 min break)	2.00 - 3.30		
Monday	Registration and focus activities	Spelling	Literacy		Playtime	Reading	Maths	Lunchtime	Assembly	Learning Journey		Story	
Tuesday		Spelling	Literacy			Reading	Maths		Assembly	Learning journey/ PE		Story	
Wednesday		Spelling	Literacy			Reading	Maths		PPA – PE / RE - SC				
Thursday		Spelling	Literacy			Assembly - singing	Maths		Reading	Learning Journey		Story	
Friday		Spelling	Literacy	French		Reading	Mental Maths		Whole class reading time	Learning Journey/story time		Assembly	

### PE

**PE kits** (red top, black shorts/trousers, trainers, black jumper) must be in school EVERYDAY, especially Tuesday and Wednesday. PE kits should then be taken home to be washed over the weekend and brought back into school on Monday. There may be opportunities during our Learning Journey lessons for additional PE sessions so PE kits may be needed on other days. The children will be reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure PE kits are in school.

### Homework

Once the children are settled and we have gained baseline assessments, regular homework will be sent on the following days:

- Literacy or Maths**  
 A literacy or Maths based homework will be sent home once a week on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday, this will consolidate our learning in class or may be a research based activity.
- Times Tables -Test day Friday**  
 To be practised at least 5 times throughout the week before the test. The children and staff are using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)
- Spellings -Test day Thursday**  
 To be practised 5 times throughout the week before the test.

- **Daily Reading**

Reading should be done daily, for at least 15 minutes, with comments written in the reading record. The more you read, the higher you climb on our reading ladder!!

**Open door**

My door is always open and I am always very happy to help should you have any concerns, wish to share information that is relevant to your child's well-being or require additional information regarding your child and their learning or progress. I will be at the door every morning or you can arrange a time to meet with me at a time that is convenient for the both of us.

There is a meeting for all KS2 parents - **How to support your child in KS2** - on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, where a crèche/childcare will be provided to help you attend. I very much hope you will be able to join us.

I am looking forward to another exciting and enjoyable year with you and your child.

Kind regards,

Miss Phillips