

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled well and it has been great to see their individual characters and personalities already shine through. Below I have written some information that I hope that you will find useful.

Handwriting and number formation

In addition to teaching the core curriculum subjects, there is a focus on letter and number formation. It is crucial that the children form all letters, capitals and lower case correctly- starting and finishing in the correct place. I have examples of how to form each letter and number for you to refer to at home.

Homework

Homework will be sent out each Friday and it must be back in school by the following Thursday. If your child completes their homework earlier they can bring it in for marking before Thursday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework as independently as possible. Homework will alternate between Maths homework and Grammar homework. Please only complete two pages of the book per week. If your child is experiencing difficulties when completing their homework, please let me know so I can support them with any areas of difficulty.

Reading records and reading books are to be in school every day. Reading records must be handed in every Monday so the amount of reading nights can be monitored and any reward can be given. I encourage the children to read the same book for a minimum of two nights. This will allow them to explore the book in more detail. Please write in the reading record each time that you read with your child. Comments in the record book could include what your child liked or didn't like about the book or something that they remember from it.

The children are encouraged to borrow books from the school library. We are fortunate to visit the library every Monday afternoon. During this time the children will be able to enjoy books for pleasure and borrow a book to bring home to share with you. It is important that your child looks after these books and that they bring them to school on a Monday to change them.

Independence

The children are encouraged to be as independent as possible in both their learning and their daily routines. You can support your child with this by reminding them to bring all of their belongings in to class each morning; letter folders, reading folders and water bottles. It would also benefit your child if you could practise doing up and undoing their buttons on their school shirts; this will encourage independence when they get changed after PE.

PE

All children need a fully labelled PE kit. During the colder months they are able to wear a tracksuit for outdoor PE, as well as trainers. The children are encouraged to wear trainers that they can put on, fasten and unfasten themselves. Our PE for this term is outside and after Christmas we will be indoors for gymnastics.

Any child attending an afterschool sports club must have a change of clothes to wear, they are not able to wear their PE kits. This ensures that all PE kits remain in school and are not misplaced or forgotten.

If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. You can speak to me at the end of the school day, write a letter or make an appointment to see me.

I am looking forward to teaching your children this year and working in partnership with you all.

Thank you for your support.

Miss King