



**Learning and friendship go hand in hand**

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## School Information from September 2020

### Homework

Homework will take on a new approach this school year. Staff will set online learning tasks every Monday and these will consist of the following:

Times Table Rockstars (KS2) – Children will access using their personal login details and complete times table challenges to earn points which can be spent on their avatar. New tables will be set weekly.

Maths Shed (KS1) – Children will access using their Edshed login and complete maths based games and activities. A new activity will be set weekly.

Spelling Shed – Pupils will access using their personal login details and complete spelling based activities to earn points. Spellings lists will be set fortnightly (weekly for Key Stage One) and spelling tests will still be conducted in school on a Monday.

Staff will check weekly which pupils are accessing the online learning portals for homework and give out rewards for children who have completed their tasks. There will also be a celebration assembly at the end of each half-term where certificates will be awarded to pupils who have consistently accessed their home tasks every week.

### Reading

Reading at home will also take on a new approach this school year. Instead of recording reading through home-school records, all pupils will be given a Reading Challenge Booklet every half-term. Children are required to read at home for at least 10 minutes each day and can choose to read whatever text they would like; this could include newspapers, magazines or non-fiction books alongside their reading book issued by school. Parents should sign the Reading Challenge Booklet each day to show that this reading has been completed. Booklets will need to be brought into



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school every Monday to be checked by the class teacher - for each completed week, a small prize will be given. Children who have completed their full booklet by the last day of each term, will be entered into a class prize draw for the chance to win a gift voucher.

### Home School Communication

From September, school will be becoming paperless and cashless as much as possible. Letters will be sent via the Parentpay email communication facility and/or uploaded onto Class Dojo. It will be important that you check these regularly.

Class Dojo will continue to be used as a method of home-school communication and as a reward system within school. We ask that this is only used during school hours: 8.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday. Any important messages or pupil absences must be reported to the school office as normal.

As a school, we recognise that parents have WhatsApp groups or Facebook class pages set up and acknowledge these can be very useful for communication between parents. However, we kindly ask that if you have any issues or concerns to please speak to school first as these can usually be dealt with quickly and professionally. Please be mindful of discussing individual members of staff and pupils in a derogatory manner on social media – school will need to take action if we are made aware of this having happened.

### Uniform

Children must wear the expected school uniform. If an article of clothing is worn that is not part of the school uniform, a letter must be brought into school to explain the reason why. No sandals will be required but all children must wear suitable black school shoes. Children are welcome to bring in a pair of wellies to keep in school to be used when needed. All items of clothing and footwear MUST be named. School uniform consists of the following:

- White polo shirt
- Purple jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- Purple gingham summer dress
- Black school shoes –
- Wellies (optional)



- One small watch and a pair of stud earrings (no other jewellery or smart watches permitted). For health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their own earrings.

If children need to bring a mobile phone into school, this must be handed into the office and collected at the end of the day.

We no longer have porches in school, children will have allocated pegs in their class and will enter school through their outside classroom door (Year 3 and 4 will still need to enter through the former porch door). Because porches are now within the classrooms, our space is limited therefore school will be issuing each child with their own reusable school bag so book-bags are no longer required. Please ensure only essential items are put into these bags, the essential items are: Reading Challenge Booklet, school reading book and a water bottle. Children do not need to bring in a pencil case. Year 6 pupils will be allowed to bring in a small bag (no bigger than the school issued size). For PE, pupils will need a drawstring bag (available to order from Tots to Teams) and will require the following items:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants
- Trainers or suitable footwear for outdoor PE sessions.
- Upper Key Stage 2 can keep a roll on deodorant in their PE bag.
- For swimming, children need a one-piece swimming costume (sensible swim shorts for boys), a towel, a swimming hat and a pair of goggles.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Pupils are expected to arrive at school for 8.50am and collected at 3.20pm. Any absences must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. Anyone who is late must enter school through the main reception door and ensure they are signed in. As with attendance, lateness will be recorded and monitored and school will follow the procedures to refer to the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) if and when needed.

### Curriculum

Curriculum Coverage - Parents will receive an overview of the curriculum covered in their child's year group, detailing the topics and areas within the curriculum they will cover that year. They will also receive topic overview letters electronically each half term. More details about our school curriculum can be found on the website.



Spelling - Spellings will relate to the Read, Write Inc spelling scheme used in school, covering the Key Stage Two spelling expectations and common exception words from the curriculum. The new curriculum has very high expectations for children's spelling so any extra activities at home or out and about to encourage good spelling will continue to benefit your child.

At the beginning of the school year, children will bring home a list of all the spelling words for the year and a spelling brochure for reference. This will refer to spelling patterns covered within the units of our spelling scheme and may be useful throughout the year to refer to with each unit. Children will also have their own copy of this in their drawers to refer to during the school day.

Reading - Children will read regularly within all of their lessons. In English lessons, children will complete work based around a novel/storybook each half-term/term and become involved in individual and group reading activities. In Key Stage one, children will be given a reading book from our school scheme that will be changed weekly. As they enter Key Stage Two, some children will continue on scheme books for a short time as they will benefit from this. Then pupils will be given the opportunity to choose a free-choice book from their class library.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. Looking forward to hopefully welcoming you all back in September.

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