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Dear Parent/Carer

It's lovely to welcome the children back and to see them settle into their new classroom and new routines. Here are just a few reminders about their class routines and where you might like to find further information.

Year 3 school day times

Start 8.45am (doors open at 8.40am) and finish 3.15pm

P.E

The children will take part in PE on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure PE kit is in school for these days and earrings are removed. Please ensure that your child's PE kit contains labelled jogging bottoms and jackets as lots of our PE lessons will take place outside, weather permitting.

Reading

Children will have daily guided reading sessions with the class teacher and read individually at least once a week to a member of staff.

As reading is an important part of your child's learning, please could you read as often as possible with them at home and write a very short comment in their reading diary, so we can keep communicating with each other about any issues, challenges and successes. If your child reads **five times each week** at home then they will become a star reader and be entered into a prize draw each term. Please ensure that they bring their **reading diaries and reading books into school EVERY DAY** so that they can share your home comments with us, frequently change their books and continue to read their book in class.

Weekly Homework

The children will be given a piece of homework each week. This will either be a paper based task or, more often, a task to be completed online on Purple Mash (log ins can be found in reading diaries). Children will also have weekly spellings to learn.

Homework will be given out in school on **Fridays**. Please return the homework with completed task/s or complete online by the following **Wednesday**.

Further information

On the school website there is further information that will assist with your child's learning such as:

- **Long Term Curriculum Map** - this is a brief overview of what your child will study each term this year.
(*School website -Curriculum - Curriculum Maps*)
- **End of Year Expectations** - a brief summary of what each child is aiming to achieve by the end of the school year.
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Snack

In KS2 the children no longer receive the government funded fruit. You are, however, more than welcome to provide your child with a healthy snack (ideally a piece of fruit), that they may like to eat during morning playtime. For the safety of all the children, please ensure that snacks do not contain nuts.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle EVERY DAY. Children will be encouraged to drink frequently during the day and they will be re-filled whenever necessary. The bottles will be sent home every evening to be cleaned and returned the next day.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to discuss any of the above by phoning the school and leaving a message for us to contact you at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Baxter