

## Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer break. The Lower Key Stage Two (LKS2) team are looking forward to another busy, but exciting term.

The year 3 team are: Mr Price, Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Farrar

The year 4 team are: Mrs Taylor and Mrs Gath-Walker

## The School Day

School opens at 8.50am and lessons start promptly at 9am. Please ensure that your child is on time, as their early morning activities are part of the curriculum.

We ask that you **allow your child / children to enter the school building on their own** to ensure they settle as quickly as possible. Your child's class teacher will meet and greet the children as they come into the classroom. A member of the LKS2 team will be available at the doors should you have any urgent messages to pass onto any member of staff. Alternatively, you could contact the school office if you would like to arrange a telephone conversation or appointment with your child's class teacher.

## Reading

Your child will be bringing their reading book and diary home this week. Please ensure that they read and discuss their book with you at least 5 times a week. This should initially be a school reading book, but should also extend to a range of texts your child/children are reading for pleasure.

In the children's reading diaries, there is a word list. This is a list of words which children need to be able to spell by the end of year 4. There is also a copy of times tables facts for the children to try and practice at home!

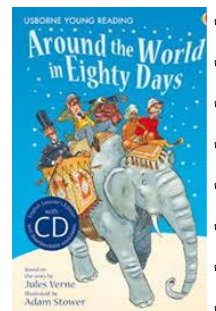
### **Reading Café**

We have so many lovely books in school and not enough time to share them all. Our reading cafes aim to provide a welcoming and informal place to come and share reading with your child.

They are also an opportunity for you to visit our new school library!

There you could read to your child or vice versa. You might find a book that you would like to borrow to read

at home. There will also be some fun activities and reading challenges for you to enjoy together.



## Homework

### **SPELLINGS**

The children will have a weekly spelling test on words and rules that they have been learning and practising in school. **Please** help your child to learn their spellings at home. Children will be tested and given new spellings every Monday.

## **ABACUS**

Children will continue to be allocated Maths tasks on Abacus linked to their learning - this will help them to practise their mental arithmetic and consolidate learning in school.

## **HOMEWORK CHALLENGES**

The new challenges will be sent home this week. Completing the tasks will help your child to consolidate their learning through a range of enjoyable and educational activities.

## **TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS**

The children have their own Timestable Rockstars login. By the end of LKS2, all children need to know the times table facts up to 12x12. Please encourage your child to use Timestable Rockstars as often as possible.

## *Outdoor activities and PE:*

Year 3 will have Forest Schools every Friday until half term. Please remember to send your child with clothing for every weather eventuality - waterproofs, layers and wellies. We will be outside in all weather.

The year 3 children will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon.

The year 4 children will have PE on a Thursday and Friday afternoon

Please make sure children have an indoor and outdoor PE kit every week with suitable supportive footwear!

## *Absence from school.*

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important that your child's attendance does not fall below 96%. There is evidence that progress is slowed when attendance is inconsistent.

## *Marvellous Me!*

We love to send messages home to keep you updated about the great things your child does in school. Please make sure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me and don't forget to 'High 5' us.

## *Water Bottles:*

In school, the children have access to drinking water at all times; please can the children bring in their own water bottles from home to keep in the classroom (these can also be taken out during PE sessions).

If you have any further questions, please talk to any member of staff on the playground or call to make an appointment.

The LKS2 Team