



Welcome back Lower Key Stage Two!

Important information for the parents of children in Years 3 and 4

The Lower Key Stage Two team are excited to welcome everyone back to school and we are all really looking forward to the term ahead. Here's our class teams for this year: Miss Rogan will be teaching Year 3 with support from Mrs Gath-Walker and Mr Price will be teaching Year 4 with support from Mrs Binks. Miss Rogan has really enjoyed meeting and getting to know her new Year 3 class, and Mr Price is really happy to be reunited with his class for another year! We've got some super learning opportunities planned and we're feeling enthusiastic about the term ahead.

School day timings



Following current government guidance, we have implemented staggered start and end times of the day, to avoid congestion during drop off and pick up times. If you are unsure about your family's individual timings, please contact the school office by telephone or email. It is really important that these timings are followed, to ensure smooth transitions and prompt starts to lessons.

The children will enter school via the Year 3 and 4 corridor entrance, wash their hands, then start their morning activity. Please ensure that your **child/children enter the school building on their own** so that they can settle quickly into their morning routine. Your child's class teacher will meet and greet the children as they come into the classroom and a member of the LKS2 team will be available at the door should you have any **urgent** messages to pass onto any member of staff. Alternatively, you can contact the school office if you would like to arrange a telephone conversation with Miss Rogan or Mr Price.

Reading

'Reading to the mind is like exercise is to the body!'

We truly value the importance of reading and the positive impact regular reading has on all aspects of learning. Therefore, we insist that children read at least 5 times a week to an adult and we celebrate this regular reading with our High 5 Reader competition. Every child has now been sent home with a reading book and a reading record and we ask that you please sign the reading record to indicate every time your child has read. Children will be given the opportunity to return a finished reading book on a Thursday, so their book can be quarantined before going back on the reading shelf. If your child has finished their book before a Thursday, please take the opportunity to re-read the book to develop fluency and confidence. If your child has not finished their reading book by this day, they can keep it until they finish it. Reading logs will be called into school every half term for teachers to monitor reading and log High 5 Readers on our displays in the classrooms.

Homework

The children have been given a homework grid for this term with a range of challenges to complete. Please encourage your child/children to complete all the challenges throughout the term, as they will enhance and consolidate their learning from in school. The challenges can be completed in any order and brought into school as they are completed to display in the classrooms. The homework displays in our classrooms are always of really high quality - we can't wait to see what this year's classes produce. Reading Plus or Reading Eggs should be used at home as often as possible to further support

your child/children's reading. It has been proven that children make more rapid progress with their reading when accessing the program more regularly. We also recommend regular use of TimesTable Rockstars, as by the end of Year 4, children are expected to be able to recall all times table facts up to 12 x 12. Timestable Rockstars is a fun, individualised program, to support children in practising their tables to ensure they achieve this.

Topic

Our topic this term is France and we have already LAUNCHED into the topic with a French experience day, where the children thoroughly enjoyed tasting traditional food, making Eiffel Towers from spaghetti and marshmallows, and creating water lily art in the style of the famous French artist, Claude Monet. During the topic, we will discover where in the world France is situated, find out about famous landmarks in France and explore some French cities. We will be using our class text Madeline (which is set in France) to support and enhance our learning. We will also be reading Madeline in London to help us compare Paris with London.



PE

Year 3 and 4 will be having PE sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays. Children must come to school in their PE kits on those days.

What to bring...

We have asked that children bring a NAMED water bottle, which will stay in school to be washed to limit items coming in and out of school.



Reading books and **book bags** should only come into school on Thursday as this is the only day books will be changed.

We ask that **Packed lunches** please come in disposable bags to again limit items coming in and out of school.

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.

Administration of medicines

If your child requires medication at school you must complete an administration of medication form which is available in the office. We can administer prescribed medication, supplied in a named container with instructions. If your child has an inhaler, it must be named and in school at all times.

Marvellous Me

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



The children have already settled extremely well into their new routines and seem really happy to be back at school. We thank you for all your support with this and look forward to the term ahead!

The Year 3 and 4 Team 😊