

Welcome to Lower Key Stage 2

Information for parents of children in Years 3&4 for the Autumn Term 2021

WELCOME BACK! We hope you all had a lovely Summer break! The LKS2 team are very excited about the term ahead and all the exciting learning opportunities that we have planned.

Our Lower Key Stage 2 Team:

Year 3 - Mrs Taylor, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Gath-Walker

Year 4 - Mrs Rowe & Mrs Binks

School day timings

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.



Your **child/children are to enter the school building (through their classroom doors) on their own** so that hand washing can be started straight away. 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 with your child's class teacher. The end of the day is at 3:20pm and the children will leave through their classroom doors.

Reading



Your child will be bringing their reading book and reading record home this week. Please ensure that they read and discuss their book with you at least 5 times a week and note this down in their reading record. **High 5 Readers will be checked every Monday.** The children will be provided with a book from the 'Recommended Reads' in the classroom, which an adult will have started reading with them, to ensure it is pitched at the correct level. We know how important reading is, as studies have shown that daily reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. There is also a copy of times tables facts for the children to try and practise at home!

Homework

Your child will receive their weekly spellings each Monday. Please help your child to learn their spellings, ready for their test on a Monday morning. In the children's reading records there is a word list, this is a list of words which the children need to be able to spell by the end of Year 4. Children will be allocated reading tasks on Reading Plus and Maths tasks on Times Table Rockstars, linked to their learning. Please see your child's reading record for their log in details. The new homework challenges will be sent home this week. Completing the tasks will help your child to consolidate their learning through a range of activities.



Our Topic

The theme of this term's topic is 'Journeys'. The topic mat shares the knowledge, vocabulary and key texts for you to share their learning and support them at home. They will be learning about Light and Sound in Science. In Geography, the children will be studying Greece and its physical and human features, which links with our History topic: Ancient Greece. During the second half term children will be learning about food hygiene and a healthy diet in DT.

Outdoor activities and PE:

Years 3 and 4 will have Forest Schools every Wednesday 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 children in both Years 3 and 4 will have PE every Tuesday with Sporting Influence. Children should continue to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the day they have PE.



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.

Water Bottles

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

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!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know. If you feel that you would like to share your skills with us linked to our topics, we would be delighted to hear your ideas.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

The Year 3 and 4 Team!