



# Welcome Back!

Hello and welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over the summer holiday.

We would like to give you a useful reminder of some school routines:

## Reading Books, Planners and PE kit

Daily reading is very important because it develops not only higher level reading skills, but also has a huge impact on writing. We have opportunities to read every day in school and pupils should be reading at home.

If your child is a fluent reader they may well be reading independently. **Please still talk to your child about their reading** as this helps develop a deeper understanding.

**Please ensure your child brings their planner and reading book to school every day and reads regularly at home.**

**Please also ensure the planner is read and signed weekly.**

It lets you know what your child is up to during the week, including homework arrangements and spellings to be learnt. We also write comments in every planner.

## P.E. Kit:

**Children should have a white t-shirt, navy/black shorts and outdoor trainers/plimsolls.** They should have a sweatshirt and track-suit bottoms for when the weather gets colder.

*(Children who wear earrings must have tape to cover them or be able to take them out themselves.)*

## **Mornings and Home Time**

Please ensure that your child is in the playground at 8:40am ready for when the whistle blows. This helps children to be ready and settled to start the day at 8.45. It also disrupts the rest of the children when others arrive late.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff (please do!) it is often easier at the end of the school day as mornings can be very busy times.



## Get to know the homework routines!

### Topic

This term the children will be learning about **Deserts** and other vegetation belts. Our topics are planned with the help of the children, and are based on their questions and ideas.

*During a typical week, the children will receive and be expected to return homework on the following days:*

### Maths

Given out on a Thursday  
Return on a Tuesday

### Literacy/Topic

Given out on a Friday  
Return on a Wednesday

### Spellings

Given out and tested once a week

### PE

Wednesday and Friday

Alongside this children are expected to read their reading books and practise times tables. We believe that homework is a crucial bridge between home and school and supports children's learning in the classroom. Homework not handed in will be completed

during children's own time within the school day, unless a legitimate reason is given. Please support your child in this. We hope this information is helpful and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure your child makes good progress.

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### Volunteering

If you would like to come in and listen to children read or help them practise their times tables or spellings, please let us know!