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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are now ready for the new school year ahead. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year with your children. This is the Year 3 and 4 team:

- Miss Dunn- LKS2 Phase Leader
- Mrs Jones - Year 3 Class Teacher
- Mrs Todd - Year 3 Class Teacher

Mrs Lockwood will be covering both classes during teachers' PPA time and Mrs Collins will be supporting across the Year 3 and 4 classes as a Teaching Assistant.

On the school website, you will soon find a copy of the topics that we will be covering in the curriculum overview. Each half term a thematic overview will be available which further breaks down the subjects into their specific learning objectives for the topic. There is a Year 3/4 information page on the school website, where you will be able to find copies of letters, homework and information about curriculum activities. Please notify the school office if you do not want pictures or videos of your child used on the website. Activities in the classroom may sometimes involve children baking or eating. It is very important that you let us know at the start of the year if your child has any allergies or additional medical needs.

Spelling and mental maths objectives are introduced on a Monday, and usually tested in class on a Friday. There will be a different mental maths objective and spelling objective for Year 3 and Year 4. A copy of these will be available on the school website. We use Times Tables Rockstars to help children secure their times table knowledge for their year group. Children are encouraged to regularly log on at home to practise. TT-Rockstars has been updated for the new year groups, but if you have any login problems, please do let us know. This year we will be using pens in class for 'best presentation' pieces of work, such as in our independent write books, which means every child in Year 3/4 will have the opportunity to use a pen for some selected pieces of work.

Your child will be provided with a reading record, to give us an indication of what your child is reading at home, and independently within school. Children will be able to select a book from the class or school library in their current book band, or within their year group's recommended reads, to read in school and at home. We ask that children bring their reading record in between home and school, to help keep a regular record, and encourage them to read and make comments

about books on completion in their reading record. Please feel free to write any comments you may have in your child's reading record as well. Although we would like children to have a school reading book, they are welcome to read books alongside these from home.

In Year 3/4, each child has their own locker near the hall; this is for larger items such as coats and PE kits. It is important to send children in with a waterproof coat for all weather as we will endeavour to take them out as much as possible. We suggest sending your child in with a play time snack of fruit or vegetables to have during break time. We request that children bring a healthy snack, and not crisps, biscuits or sweets.

P.E sessions will take place across the week for all classes, however, there may be impromptu P.E activities during the week or changes in the timetable so it is advisable to leave P.E. kits in school all week and take them home to wash at the weekend. Please be aware that PE sessions can happen outside in various weathers, so a suitable outdoor P.E kit is required throughout the whole year. The school P.E kit consists of a plain white T-shirt and black shorts. Football kits are not appropriate for P.E sessions. Earrings must be removed for P.E and if your child has pierced ears they must be able to remove earrings by themselves, once healed. Any child who cannot remove their earrings will not be able to take part in P.E. Please also ensure long hair is tied up. Trainers will be needed for outdoor P.E and perhaps a tracksuit or black jogging bottoms for the colder months. A spare pair of socks would be helpful to have in school at all times and a separate carrier bag for wet shoes and clothes. We ask that you please notify us in writing or by e-mail in advance if your child is unable to participate in P.E for any reason, with an indication of how long for. Please can we ask that all items of clothing are named.

Please come and speak to us as soon as possible if you have any concerns regarding your child, however trivial they may seem. We are always happy to converse through email or phone calls. We will endeavour to reply to emails as soon as possible (usually 2 to 3 working days) but will obviously be unable to check or reply during the school day or during holiday periods. Anyone needing a quick response should phone the school in the usual way.

We look forward to a successful and fun year ahead.

Best wishes,

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