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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to a new academic year. I hope you have all managed to have a happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Our learning themes this term include World War Two (History), Ocean Currents, Biomes and Climate Zones (Geography), Capturing Conflict (Art & Design) and Properties and Changing Materials and Animals, Including Humans (Science). Attached to this letter is a curriculum overview for the autumn term.

Homework will be set on Thursday via the Seesaw App. We appreciate that time is precious, and you have other commitments during the week, so if there is a valid reason your child cannot complete the homework, please contact me, otherwise your child will complete their homework during break/dinner time. We encourage parental involvement in homework, especially if your child is experiencing difficulties. However, if they do need further support, please advise them to come and see me, or Mrs Jones for Maths, or via Seesaw

Weekly spellings, and the associated spelling rule, will be sent on a Monday via the Seesaw. The children will need to learn their weekly spellings, and its rule, ready for a spelling test on Thursday of the same week. Children who get more than one wrong will have support on Friday to help them and they will be retested on the following Monday. It is very important that your child develops confidence in spelling a range of familiar and unfamiliar words as well as understanding the rules that need to be applied to spell such words. Therefore, your support in helping your child is very much appreciated.

To evidence your child's reading practise, they will be given a reading record book. Your child should read at home (independently and to an adult) on a regular basis (daily, if possible, but at least three times a week). In addition, it is important to discuss what your child has read to help develop their reading comprehension skills. Each time you hear your child read, record it in your child's record book. Your child knows the expectations of how they should record their own independent reading. Their reading record and reading book need to be in school every day so that adults in school can hear them read and record their comments. You may find these remarks can help you to further support your child at home.



To allow children to experience a wide range of literature, inside your child's reading record book is an age-related book list. The children are encouraged to read three books from this list each half term in addition to other books/magazines/graphic novels they may want to read. They also have their own barcode to book out/in school library books. We are planning book-related events through the year, so keep a look out on the school newsletter/app and via emails/letters.

For Maths there is a need for quick recall of all times table facts up to 12 x 12 and an expectation that children will have a bank of known key facts, which they can recall instantly. Each half term we will have a different focus on a set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) and a copy will be sent home. Please spend some time each week helping your child to learn these facts as well as their times tables as these skills will be invaluable to their progress and ability to apply their Maths skills.

Your child will be having Forest School on Wednesday afternoon (every other week). Please refer to the school app or newsletter to find out which dates your child will be involved in Forest School. On these days, children can wear their forest school clothes to school (old clothes – long sleeved top and trousers). They will also need to bring a 'bag for life' with their waterproof clothes and wellies to put on before they enter Forest School and a pair of socks to go home in, in-case water goes in their wellies.

On Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon, your child will have P.E. For these lessons, your child will need to come into school wearing their P.E kit - a pair of navy/black/grey tracksuit trousers/jogging trousers/shorts/skort, a white t-shirt/polo shirt and daps/trainers. Their P.E kit is necessary to fully engage in planned physical activities and is expected by sporting organizations, so please ensure your child has their correct kit for lessons and that all items, including their school uniform, are clearly labeled. No jewellery is to be worn, and earrings must be removed or covered.

As you are aware, the children are in houses (Red Dragons, Pegasus, Golden Griffins, Phoenix). While half termly whole school events are planned, the children can be awarded housepoints for their homework, learning their spellings and times table facts, reading at home, TIPTOP learning behaviour and for applying the school rules of Being Safe, Ready and Respectful. Each housepoint is valued because each term the winning house enjoys a chosen activity while the winning house at the end of the year enjoys an extra special treat.

I am looking forward to working together to ensure your child is happy, safe and that they achieve their full potential. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to email me (ltaylor@goodrich.hereford.sch.uk) or see me at the end of the school day or make an appointment at the office.

Thank you and kind regards

Mrs Taylor

