

We're Going Back To School



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your child has enjoyed the Christmas holidays and is ready to tackle the spring term. Please be aware that, after the disruptions caused by Covid, all the children will still have “gaps” in their learning from Y3 and potentially Y2. We will do everything possible to help all of the children “catch up” but as always, we will need your support and “back up” via homework and reading etc.

Reading: *Your child will not be bringing their reading book home until further notice.* He/she will read to an appropriate professional in school, on a regular basis, as part of a specific program. However, please continue to read other books to (and with) your child (as well as allowing them to read to you), with an emphasis on *reading for enjoyment*. ***To this end, your child will be bringing home library books, to be returned each Friday. Please don't forget that your child also has access to e-books on the Oxford Owl website.***

Times tables: The children's knowledge of the times tables will be **assessed regularly**. Please encourage your child to practise as often as possible. He/she should now be fluent with most of their times tables. *Please note that application of this knowledge is integral to all our Maths work. It is vital that your child consolidates this learning through regular practice and support at home.*



Homework: A small amount of Maths and Literacy homework will normally be set each Monday, for completion by Thursday. Daily spelling practice will normally be set too. ***Please note that homework will usually be set and completed on Purple Mash*** (ie, online), and ***no homework books will be issued***. Your child should access Purple Mash in the usual manner.

Spelling: Please help your child to practise for the weekly spelling tests (normally on Fridays).

PE-SPRING TERM: PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR CHILD'S PE DAY WILL BE FRIDAY. CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE IN SCHOOL WEARING THEIR PE CLOTHING.

General: Please ensure that your child has a **pre-filled water bottle in school** (no juice).

Please help us to help your child: it is really important for children in Year 4 to develop both independence and organisational skills. With this in mind, *please try to encourage your child to remember his/her own belongings: a jumper and coat, a (filled) water bottle, earphones and a lunch box (where applicable).*

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. In addition, please note that additional information can be obtained via the Y4 page on the school website, and on the subject knowledge organisers that your child will be bringing home.

With many thanks

Mrs Cooper
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