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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that your child is looking forward to the term ahead. Thank you to everyone for your very kind wishes, cards and presents, it was very much appreciated. I thought I would inform you of a few things that you will need to know about.

### Curriculum Overview

Attached to this letter is an overview of the learning that has been planned for this term.

In Science, we will be focusing on 'Forces and Magnets', 'Plants' and our famous scientist this term is Beatrix Potter. In Geography we will be looking at transportation before moving onto History, where we will study the Roman Empire.

### Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday via the Seesaw App. Homework is expected to be completed by Tuesday of the following week. 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 via the Seesaw app. Log ins for Seesaw can be found in your children's reading log books.

### Reading

Children should read at home (independently and to an adult) on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). These should be recorded in your child's reading record book. Their reading record book and reading book need to be in school every day so that adults in school can hear your child read and record their comments. It is also important to discuss what your child has read to help develop their reading comprehension skills.

### Spellings

Weekly spellings, and the associated spelling rule, will continue to be sent on a Monday via Seesaw. The children will need to learn their weekly spellings, and its rule, ready for a spelling test on Thursday of the same week. Your child will upload a photograph onto Seesaw of their completed spelling test and score. Children who make more than one mistake will be able to practise the ones they got wrong ready to be re-tested on Friday. 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.

### Maths Skills

For Maths, there is a need for quick recall of all times table facts up to 12 x 12 and an expectation that children 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 and added to Seesaw. 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 Math's skills.



### **P.E. and Forest School**

A P.E. kit (white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of trainers) will be required for P.E. on a Monday and Thursday afternoon, however their full P.E. kit should be in school at all times as we sometimes have these lessons on different days or extra physical activities that may require a change of clothes or shoes. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for lessons. No jewellery is to be worn and earrings must be removed.

Throughout the week, we will continue to do our Daily Mile (Run a Mile) to promote being active and having a healthy lifestyle and to help your child concentrate in the classroom. Please ensure that children have a pair of trainers or daps in school..

On a Wednesday afternoon, the children will have Forest School. Please refer to the bottom of the newsletter or the school app to find out which dates your child will be involved and the clothing they need to wear.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that all uniform and P.E. kit is clearly named, so that if any items of clothing are found, we can return them to your child.

### **Healthy Snacks**

As you may be aware, as a school we are focusing on eating healthily throughout the school day. We will be continuing to work on this through collective worship and in class activities.

For break times, children can bring in a healthy snack (no chocolate, crisps or sweets) if they wish, such as fruit/vegetables or a cereal bar.

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 contact me/email me – [swilliams@goodrich.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:swilliams@goodrich.hereford.sch.uk) or see me at the beginning/end of the school day on the gate.

Best wishes

Miss Williams