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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

As you can see from the timetable, we continue to have PE lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit – yellow t-shirt, and green shorts for Thursdays, yellow t-shirt, green tracksuit and trainers with grip for Wednesdays. If girls are wearing tights, they will also need socks. If your child does not have the correct kit for the astro-turf – particularly footwear –they may not be able to participate for health and safety reasons.

Homework will be given out each Thursday to be handed in the following Thursday, please encourage your child to work independently as much as possible. Your child will have a new Reading Record. Thank you for filling this in; the children do enjoy receiving house points each week for reading at home. As your child becomes a more confident, independent reader, it is still very important for them to read to an adult. The adult's role is to ask questions about the vocabulary, text, story and characters. When your child has finished a book, please encourage them to remember to get a new one to take home as they will have a separate book to read in school.

Your child will continue with Letters and Sounds. This will include revision of phase 5 and working on phase 6. Please help your child to learn the graphemes and find words containing those graphemes. They will have a spelling test every Monday. There are lots of games on the internet if you search for Letters and Sounds Phase 5 and 6.

In year 2, it is important for children to learn their times-tables. We will focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to begin with. The more practice your child gets, the quicker they will retain their times-tables in their long-term memories. They will have tests throughout the year, however the real test is their ability to use their knowledge in problem solving and mental arithmetic. There are lots of useful websites with games and worksheet generators.

Our topics this term are Schools and the Local Environment, Toys, Everyday Materials and geographical skills. We would appreciate any pictures and artefacts related to these topics, in particular, schools and toys in the past. If any relatives would like to volunteer to talk to the children about their experiences when they were at school, it would be much appreciated. Any volunteers for the above, please e-mail me.

Please check your e-mails and the school website regularly for information about trips and events.

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