

Friday 11th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin this exciting new school year, we would like to share some important information about our classroom procedures and communication tools. A strong partnership between school and home is key to your child's academic success, and our goal is to keep you well informed and actively involved in their learning.

Learning Overviews	This week, we will be sending out learning overviews for each school year group on Class Dojo. These documents will outline the key topics that the children will cover in our curriculum. They are designed to give you an overview of what your child will be learning throughout the year, allowing you to better support their educational growth.
Home Learning	We believe that regular home learning activities play a crucial role in reinforcing classroom learning and building valuable study habits. Homework will be sent out from Week 3, however reading and library books have already been allocated and distributed. <u>Infant School</u> <u>Nursery</u> • Home learning overviews will be sent out half-termly: this will relate to the curriculum and half-termly overview • Library book of choice to be changed each week <u>Reception and Key Stage 1</u> • Home learning overviews will be sent out half-termly: this will relate to the curriculum and half-termly overview • Library book of choice to be changed each week • Reading books will be changed each week in line with our Phonics 'Little Wandle' programme • Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to post on Class Dojo the sounds/spellings of the week for children to practise at home <u>Junior School</u> <u>Year 3 and Year 4</u> • Reading books – children should have a library book which is regularly changed. Children should be reading daily, at school and at home (children or adults can record this in their reading log) If your child did not pass the phonics screening check, your child will also have a phonetically decodable book. • Spellings are being set weekly, they will be sent home and then tested weekly. • Times tables log in – children practise their Times tables using TT Rock stars, in Year 4 there is a Multiplication check in June. • English – Work related to the week, set weekly (Grammar and punctuation etc. to practise taught learning) • Maths – Work related to the week, set weekly (place value etc. to practise taught learning)



	- Curriculum homework overview – Choice of activities to complete from the different curriculum subjects - If you would like additional Homework – this can be requested at Parents' Evening <u>Year 5 and Year 6</u> - Reading books – children should have a library book which is regularly changed. Children should be reading daily, at school and at home (children or adults can record this in their log) If your child did not pass the phonics screening check, your child will also have a phonetically decodable book. - Spellings are being set weekly, they will be sent home and then tested weekly. (Children need to be taught the rule, not the list). - English – Work related to the week, set weekly (Grammar and punctuation etc. to practise taught learning) - Maths – Work related to the week, set weekly (place value etc. to practise taught learning) - Arithmetic questions sent every other week - Curriculum Homework Overview – Choice of activities to complete from the different curriculum subjects - If you would like additional Homework – this can be requested at Parents' Evening.
Class Dojo	If you are new to our schools, we use Class Dojo, an online communication platform. With Class Dojo parents can: Collect Dojo Points for Hard Work: Class Dojo uses a point system to reward students for their hard work, positive behaviours, and achievements. Your child will earn Dojo points, and you can track their progress on the platform. Celebrate Achievements: We believe in celebrating every success, big or small. ClassDojo allows teachers to recognise and celebrate your child's achievements and positive behaviours, helping to boost their confidence and motivation. Share Learning: Stay connected with your child's classroom experience. Teachers can use ClassDojo to share updates about classroom activities and important announcements. Whole School/Federation Announcements: We post the weekly newsletter, calendar and events on the federation page, to keep you in the loop about what is happening throughout the week, terms, year. Contact Teachers: You can reach out to your child's teacher easily through ClassDojo. Whether you have questions, concerns, this platform provides a convenient way to communicate during school hours, from 8:00am to 4:00pm. In order to get started, we will provide a letter with a QR code for your child. Simply scan the QR code using your smartphone or tablet's camera, and it will direct you to the Class Dojo sign-up page for our school. Follow the easy steps to create your account and connect with your child's class.



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If you have any questions, or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are confident that with your support, this academic year will be filled with joy, growth, and success for all our students.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and partnership.

Kind regards,

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