

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope your child settles well into Emerald Class over the next few days and is looking forward to all that we will be doing.

Just a few notices/reminders about the routines in Emerald Class:

### Handwriting pens



Last year, the children were each been given a handwriting pen as part of their pen licence. Children will begin with a new pen at the start of this half term, given to them by Riverview. If this is lost or runs out, they will then need to provide their own. Handwriting pens must be blue ink fibre tip pens (no biros please). Additional pens will be available to purchase via ParentMail at a cost of 50p each.

### Other equipment



Emerald class will have two **P.E. sessions** each week – **one on Monday** and one **on Thursday**. Children must wear their P.E. kits in school on these days. You will receive a ParentMail on the morning of the PE session as a reminder. Please could children wear a tracksuit for outdoor games when the weather turns colder. If we are unable to do P.E. on the allocated day due to bad weather, the session will be re-arranged for a different day that week and you will be advised by ParentMail before school that morning.

**Book bags and reading records must be in school with children every day.** Children will each be given their own pack of resources with everything they will need for their learning, therefore pencil cases from home are not permitted in order to minimise the amount coming to school each day.

### Reading



Children are expected to read for **at least 15 minutes at home** for a **minimum of five evenings a week**. This can be done independently and does not necessarily need to involve an adult every night, although it would be useful for them to read to an adult at least twice a week. They **must fill in**

**their reading record books each time they read with the date and the pages they have read. Please sign your child's reading record each week** to show that they have completed their reading. (Please see the ParentMail from Miss Hall explaining some of the changes to our reading record books).

Children can begin choosing their books from our book corner. Later they will choose from the junior accelerated reader books. Once they have finished a book, the children need to complete a quiz in school, which tests their understanding of it. These can be completed during allocated session during the week. They will be encouraged to explore and read a variety of books.

### Homework

As well as reading, the children will be set homework 5 days a week. Unless stated, homework will be due in the next day. These will be the usual days for each subject:

<b>Monday</b>	Spelling Frame
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic
<b>Wednesday</b>	Science
<b>Thursday</b>	Grammar/Maths
<b>Friday</b>	Times Tables Rock Stars

Homework can be accessed on Google Classroom. Please speak to me if your child needs access to their login information or if they'd like some help navigating the website.

Occasionally I may set large homework tasks/projects and hand-in dates will be given for these when it is set.

### Meet the Teacher

On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**, you are invited to a Google Hangout on Google Classroom to meet the teacher, at **4 – 4:15pm**. You will receive a link to access this nearer the time. We will discuss rules, routines and expectations linked to learning, handwashing, behaviour and routines. I look forward to telling all about Emerald Class and the changes we will be making in light of the school closure earlier this year.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you should have any queries.

Yours sincerely

**Miss Atkinson**