

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope your child settles well into Sapphire 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 Sapphire Class:

Handwriting pens



Children will begin Year 3 using pencils to write with. Once they are forming and joining letters correctly and consistently, they will receive their pen licence and be provided with their first handwriting pen. If this is lost or when it runs out, they will then need to provide their own. Handwriting pens must be blue ink fibre tip pens (no biros please). Additional pens can be purchased via ParentMail for 50p.

Other equipment



Sapphire Class will have two **P.E. sessions** each week – **one on Monday** and one **on Thursday**. Children **must wear their P.E. kits to 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 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. This will be set on Mondays to be completed by the following Monday unless stated otherwise. These will be the usual days for each subject:

Monday	Spelling Frame
Tuesday	Topic
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	Grammar
Friday	Maths/Times Tables Rockstars

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

Occasionally, larger projects may be set.

Meet the Teacher

On **Monday 7th September**, you are invited to a Google Hangout on Google Classroom to meet the teacher, at **4:30p.m.** We will discuss rules, routines and expectations linked to learning, handwashing, behaviour and routines. You will receive a link to join the Google Hangout.

I look forward to meeting you and telling all about Sapphire 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

Mrs Bashar