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Dear Parents,

As we finish our first week back after the summer break, we have put together some key information for the forthcoming term which we hope you will find useful.

The children and staff have all settled well into their new classes and many of the necessary school routines have been well practised and are beginning to be part of our daily life. The children have been brilliant this week (although tired!) and have begun to foster positive relationships with both their new classmates and new adults in their class. We are very proud of the resilience they have shown during this transition to their new year groups.

Curriculum Information

Our Topic for this term is called '**Marvellous Me!**' The children will learn more about their bodies, the five senses, healthy eating, the importance of exercise, and the human life cycle. We will also be looking at the history of toys. A school trip to a toy museum will be organised for later this term. More details to follow. 😊

In **English**, our first unit will be planned around several high-quality texts, including Can I Build Another Me?, Once There Were Giants, The Growing Story, and Bog Baby, amongst many others.

In **Maths**, the children are learning about place value. Year 1 are focussing on numbers to 20, while Year 2 work on numbers to 100. For both year groups, this work builds up on their prior learning, enabling them to make stronger connections and have a deeper understanding of how numbers work and what they mean.

Reading

Your child will be bringing home one or two school reading books in their 'rainbow reading pack' on a Friday. They will keep this book at home for a week and return it the following **Thursday**. We ask that you use your daily reading time to re-read their school book, as each re-read will allow your child to develop their fluency, expression and understanding of the story. Of course, please also enjoy reading a range of other books with your child just for the enjoyment of sharing a book with them. *Reading for Pleasure* is a hugely instrumental part of children learning to become successful readers. Children will also have lots of opportunities to read age-appropriate books at school across the week, but these books will be kept in school.



As part of their Homework schedule, we expect the children to be reading at home at least 5 times a week.

Spellings

A copy of the Common Exceptions Words (CEW) for Year 1 and Year 2 will be sent home. The children will be expected to read and write most of these words by the end of their year and this is something that will be a daily learning focus in lessons.

Knowledge Organisers

We will be sending out relevant knowledge organisers as we approach each new topic. The knowledge organiser will contain the key information that your child will be taught. As part of your child's Homework schedule, we ask that you spend time sharing each organiser as well as using it to check how your child is remembering their learning. Our first Science Knowledge Organiser is attached with this letter.

The children will have **PE** sessions twice a week. **21DK PE days are Monday and Tuesday. 21HJ PE days are Monday and Wednesday.** Please dress children in PE kits on those days. Details of the PE kit uniform can be found on the school website. All shoulder length hair should be tied back with a bobble and earrings should be removed. Thank you.

****Please also remember to name all clothing as it can then be easily returned to the correct child.****

Snacks

Snacks for break time should be either a plain biscuit or fruit. Some children are bringing to school 3 or 4 snacks. One piece is sufficient as time does not allow for this number of snacks to be consumed. Our School Council is committed to reducing the amount of single use plastic in school and asks that plastic bags are not used. Wherever possible, please use a re-usable container which is named so that it can be easily returned. Free fruit is provided every day for all the children in Key Stage 1.

Please ask your child's teacher if you are unsure about the suitability of a snack. *Water bottles are also needed in school each day. Please remember that we are a **nut free** school. This also means that birthday treats must not contain nuts. Thank you.*

We are looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming year and to a very happy and productive term.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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