



## Summer Newsletter 2025



Welcome back it is finally the summer term – sunshine and fun! I am looking forward to the new term – we have lots of exciting learning to do! A reminder that information will be shared regularly through Arbor, letters, Class Dojo and the school website, however, if you need to contact us, your first point of contact is the school office.

Spellings and homework will be given out on **Fridays**, with homework to be returned by **Wednesday**. This allows enough time for me to mark the work and return it to the children. However, spelling tests will continue to take place on **Fridays**. Additionally, each child will have a home reading book, and it's important that they read as often as possible to support their learning. Children should also continue to rehearse and learn their times tables through Times Tables Rockstars to strengthen their multiplication skills.

PE days are **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. The children will continue swimming lessons on **Thursdays**. Children should bring in appropriate swimwear and accessories, including a towel and goggles, to ensure they can fully participate. Please remember to label all items clearly and ensure they have everything needed for their swimming session. On Fridays, children should come to school wearing the correct P.E. kit.

Year 5 will be taking part in Forest School **every second Monday** this term, where they will have the opportunity to engage in outdoor learning and explore nature. On these days, it's important that children bring appropriate clothes for the weather, including layers and waterproofs if necessary. They can wear old trainers or wellies, as they may get muddy during the activities. Please ensure your child comes prepared for all weather conditions to make the most of their outdoor experiences.

### Helping your child at home

A love of learning is one of the most important things to encourage. There are lots of ways to bring concepts to life and revise topics whilst making it fun too!

Reading	Writing	Maths
<p>By the time your child reaches Year Five, you might have fallen out of the routine of reading together regularly. However, sharing books remains a valuable bonding activity and encourages them to engage with literature in diverse ways. Consider taking turns reading a page each as you progress through the book.</p> <p>Discuss the text together to help them think more deeply about what they're reading and if possible read a range of genres to enhance their vocabulary.</p>	<p>It is no secret that reading is closely connecting to writing but there are more things you can do to encourage writing at home.</p> <p>Establish a comfortable and quiet space for writing and homework.</p> <p>Encourage your child to maintain a journal. They can write about their daily experiences, thoughts, ideas, stories and anything else they create.</p>	<p>If your child has a watch, encourage them to wear it and get in the habit of looking at the time.</p> <p>Following a recipe provides children with valuable opportunities to hone their skills in measuring ingredients, weighing them and gauging cooking durations. To add a level of complexity, you can challenge them to change the quantity required.</p> <p>Times tables! The quicker their recall the easier they will find lessons. Each pupil has a Times Tables Rock Star account which is a fun way to practise: <a href="https://ttrockstars.com/">https://ttrockstars.com/</a></p>