



Aim High Fly High

5th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year at the start of this Spring term. Many thanks for all of your kind words and generous gifts for Christmas. We hope that your families have all had a healthy, restful break and we look forward to continuing to working alongside you as we move into 2022.

Please find attached the topic overview for this term which includes an outline of the areas we aim to cover across different curriculum areas.

A Home learning grid is also attached for your information. As before, these home learning activities are **optional** in Years 3 and 4. We will not be expecting children to complete these tasks; however we always welcome the opportunity to see the children's creative responses.

The following home learning tasks are still expected, and the breakdown of these is as below:

* Spellings will be given on a Tuesday for a check on the following Monday.

* Times tables will be given on a Friday ready for a check on the following Friday. (This may happen fortnightly if we are studying a table in more depth). Children are also asked to continue their work on Times Table Rockstars.

* A weekly reading home learning task should still be completed from the grid in the children's home learning books.

* Children should also continue to read at home on a regular basis. We find that a little regular practice makes a huge difference in school.

As per the Autumn term, children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a snack during morning playtime and we encourage all children to bring a named bottle of water to drink during the day. We continue to respectfully ask that children do not bring toys or swapping cards from home as we have found in the past that special things can be lost or broken and we would like to avoid this as far as possible.

The arrangements for collecting your children after school remain the same for this new term. If the after-school arrangements for your child change, please let the school office know as soon as possible. It can delay the school bus if we have to contact parents to check whether a child should be on the bus or not.

Our regular PE days for this term will be **Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Wrens** and **Mondays and Tuesdays for Blackbirds**. The children should come to school in their PE kit on these days; a plain T-shirt, shorts/jogging trousers, sweatshirt and suitable footwear for outside activities. We aim to get outside for PE for every lesson so cold weather kit is vital. All items should be named. In accordance with the regulations stated in Cambridge County Council's Health and Safety Guidelines for Physical Education, all children with long hair must have it tied back, and all jewellery must be removed. In the event of children having new ear piercings they should have micropore tape with them to cover the studs. The children must be able to do this for themselves.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, then please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the office as in previous terms. We will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

We look forward to another busy and productive term working together!

Best wishes,

Sam Butler and Tim Walker

Lower Key Stage Two teaching team