



Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to yet another school year – and it's amazing to be back! I am very excited to be teaching your child this year, as we prepare them for secondary school life and help them to build the knowledge, resilience, independence and social skills required for the next step in their journey. We have a fun year ahead with three amazing projects and lots of hard work.

Our Project

Our first project of *Frozen Kingdom* is always an enjoyable one – focusing on the Arctic and Antarctic, the incredible story of The Titanic, and it's always a big hit with animal lovers. As always, supporting your child to learn the information on the Knowledge Organiser is a huge benefit to this project. Our 'driving question' is *Would The Titanic have survived today?* and answering this is what most of the learning will focus around.

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday this term but, as always, please send your child's PE kit in to school on a Monday and we will send them home on a Friday to be washed. If there is a genuine medical reason as to why your child cannot take part in PE, please get in touch with me. Roll on deodorant is a recommended item to be kept in PE bags too!

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and, unless otherwise stated, will be due in the following Friday. Generally, homework consists of reading, spellings, learning multiplication tables and pages from the Maths and Grammar books (these will be given to children on Friday next week). It is important that children take ownership of managing their homework in preparation for secondary school. I will undoubtedly say this close to a million times this year, but reading is the absolute most important skill your child can develop – so please do push them with this!

Of course, some weeks are manic at home and getting homework done can be tricky. So, if children need to, they can spend one of their morning break times completing it at school if this is easier – they just need to ask. Furthermore, Mrs Thomas and I are happy to provide help with homework on a Monday through to Thursday (again, all children need to do is come and ask)!

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If you're ever unsure about something, please do not hesitate to get in touch or, if it's something your child can find out the answer to, send a message in with them. I am very much looking forward to working with you this year and supporting your child to be the best independent version of themselves that they can be in their final primary school year. It really will fly by!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Spendlow
Deputy Headteacher

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