

To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship

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Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. Psalm 1:3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Lower Key Stage Two. We are really excited to be teaching your children this year. Whether you are starting Key Stage Two, new to the school, or an experienced member of the school community, this letter will provide you with some guidance on how things run in our key stage.

Arriving at school

Please try to make sure that children arrive promptly at school. Doors open at 8.45am and the class will have morning activities to complete at this time (these are provided to support previous learning).

Uniform

We consider it important that our pupils are well dressed and believe a uniform looks smart and adds to the children's sense of identify and belonging at school. Parental support in this respect is greatly appreciated. Our School Uniform Policy can be found on the School website. Please also ensure your child has a coat in school in case of bad weather.

PE

Children need to have their PE kits in school every day. Our PE timetable for Term 1 is as follows:

Monday	Gymnastics
Tuesday	Outside PE
Thursday	Dance

Please note that PE is part of the National Curriculum therefore if your child is unable to take part due to injury or illness, please write a note stating why and for how long your child will be unable to participate.

Class Teachers

Below is information of the class teacher structure for each Astronomer's class.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	Class Teacher: Mrs Turk Teaching Assistant: Mrs Newman
Thursday and Friday	Class Teacher: Mrs Knipe Teaching Assistant: Mrs Newman

Independent Reading:

We place high importance on reading at home, whether children read to themselves, or to an adult. Reading aloud to an adult is incredibly beneficial to enable children to continue to make sense of vocabulary, punctuation, characters, plot and more! If your child reads to themselves, ask them questions about what they have read. We can provide further information on supporting your child

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to read at home on request. We ask that your child reads to an adult at home **five times per week** and that you sign and date the Reading Record to say that they have done this.

Reading Records are checked every Monday, so please ensure they are in school. These will be checked by the Class Teacher or Mrs Newman. Your child may also read to an adult at school throughout the week, so we recommend they bring their Reading Records every day. Children can change their reading book any day of the week.

Times-tables:

Year 4 children are expected to know **all** their tables up to 12 x 12 including division facts and throughout the year, we will be preparing the children to sit the statutory times table test in June. Please encourage your child to practice their times table and division facts. They can do so by logging in to their **Times Table Rock Stars** accounts or by visiting the following website:-
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Spellings

Spellings will be set on Monday and children will be tested on Friday. Space is provided in their home spelling book for them to practise Monday - Thursday. We do not expect children to learn their spellings over the weekend. **Please ensure children come to school with their spelling books on Friday; these will remain in school over the weekend.**

Homework

Homework for Years 3 and 4 will consist of a mathematics task and a spelling task based on what we have been learning in class. Please login to Spelling Shed and Mathletics to access these.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Sarah Turk and Mrs Louise Knipe (Astronomer Class Teachers)