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Sample Student (Year 1, Samples) - KS2 Autumn Routines & Homework 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled back into school and are adjusting well to life and routines of the new school year.

In KS2 procedures differ slightly to those in KS1. In the morning children are requested to wait outside until the classrooms are open at 8:45am. It is important that children do not arrive at school too early as they remain your responsibility until 8.45am we start the school day. Please say goodbye to your children at the cloakroom door and allow them to take responsibility for their own things. Promoting independence is very important in KS2. At the end of the day, children will wait by their classrooms to be collected. A whiteboard is available in the cloakroom for you to communicate any special arrangements regarding your child's home time collection. If you would like to see your child's teacher with any queries or concerns then please do pop in to see us at the end of the day as it is important that we start the day as promptly as possible.

Listening to your child read is still important in KS2. Whilst your child may enjoy reading silently, it is important that you still listen to them on a regular basis and ask them questions about what they have read to continue developing their comprehension skills. It would be appreciated if you would sign/comment in their reading diary to indicate when you have heard your child read. We will stamp their reading diary when we have read with them either in a guided reading group or on a 1:1 basis in class.

Please make sure your child has their reading book and reading diary in school every day.

Children will remain in their own classes for English lessons apart from four discreet 20 minute spelling sessions each week when they will work in groupings according to their learning needs. This will follow on from their previous work on the Read, Write Inc program.

We will be grouping the children across KS2 into teaching groups of similar ability levels for Maths lessons to allow us to deliver teaching and learning in an even more focused way within a classroom group.

Topic homework is ongoing across the whole term. Attached is a grid of possible homework choices linked to this term's topic of Ancient Egypt. Your child has the freedom to choose two activities to be completed during the term. Individuality and creativity will be encouraged as will the use of ICT in these tasks. Tasks can be completed either independently or in collaboration with parents/carers. For this term we need their two completed tasks in school by Friday 1st December, and of course they will wear their third piece of homework (an Egyptian costume) on our planned Egyptian Day, Tuesday 5th December.

We will then share the finished pieces of work across KS2 during an open afternoon on Wednesday 6th December. Parents are welcome to attend this afternoon from 2:30pm onwards.

We will continue to send home regular English or Maths homework from next week. This will be issued on Fridays for completion by the following Wednesday morning. There will be occasional weeks when we do not send home this additional work.

We are in the process of organising a short visit to Callow Rock Quarry, Shipham on Monday 2nd October. This will link with our science learning about rocks and soils this term. In addition, we are organising a trip for KS2 to Bristol Museum on Tuesday 28th November to visit their Ancient Egypt exhibition. Further information regarding these visits will follow in due course.

For a topic activity after half term each child will need a jam jar (with lid). Please keep an empty aside in a safe place at home until we ask for the children to bring them into school.

It is essential that your child's PE kit (indoor and outdoor) is in school **every day** and that all items are clearly labelled. This will help to minimise children losing their kit. PE is delivered by a specialist sports teacher, Mr Matt Coggins, on Wednesday mornings and an additional PE lesson will take place at some other time during the week, but this can vary, hence the importance of PE kit being in school at all times.

As last year, each KS2 class will have a 10 week course of swimming lessons at Cheddar Leisure Centre with teaching delivered by qualified swimming coaches. Hedgehog Class will swim during the autumn term and a letter with further details has already been sent home to those parents/carers. Skylark class will follow in the spring term, with Owls having their lessons during the summer term.

We appreciate that there is a lot of information to take in at the start of a new school year and hope this initial letter is helpful. You may find it useful to print a copy off and put in a safe place to refer to, particularly if your child is new to KS2. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any queries or concerns at any time, do pop in and speak to one of us or contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely

The KS2 Team