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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 may come into the cloakroom and classroom to put their belongings in the appropriate places when doors are opened at 8.45am. It is important that children do not arrive at school too early as they remain your responsibility until the start of the school day. When the children come into the classroom there will be a thinking skills activity for them to tackle. At the end of the day, children will wait inside their classrooms to be collected with an adult alongside them. A whiteboard is available on the classroom doors for parents to communicate any special arrangements regarding your child's home time collection. If you need to speak to a teacher or member of staff it is much easier to arrange a meeting after school than in the morning.

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 five discreet spelling and grammar sessions each week when they will work in groupings according to their learning needs.

Topic homework is ongoing across the whole term. Attached is a grid of possible homework choices linked to this term's topic of World War 1 and 2. Your child has the freedom to choose two activities to be completed during the term. In addition to this they will need to provide a World War 2 costume for our trip to Nothe Fort (ideally an evacuee outfit). 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 30th November, and of course they will wear their third piece of homework (their costume) on our planned visit to Nothe Fort on Monday 22nd October and Thursday 25th October. We will then share the finished pieces of work across KS2 during an open afternoon on Wednesday 5th December. See other letter for further details.

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.

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. Owl Class will swim during the autumn term and a letter with further details has already been sent home to those parents/carers. Hedgehog class will follow in the spring term, with Skylarks 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

