



Living by our Christian Values of

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The term has started off well with all pupils returning refreshed from the summer break and keen to continue their learning. Please find attached a topic web for this term which explains the learning aims for each year group. Below is some key information that the class are aware of, but may not have explained so clearly!

Please can you help your child/ren to remember the following every day:

- Reading Record and reading book
- Water bottle
- Fruit is provided on a daily basis, however a healthy snack can be brought in from home as an alternative
- P.E kit (P.E lessons will be on a Friday afternoon, however kits need to be in school from Monday to Friday as we will be doing 'Active 8' (exercising for 8 minutes) on other days)

Each half term there is a Reading Challenge display that the children move along. In order to move to the next destination children will need to complete five reads at home. Therefore it is asked that you please record when you have heard your child read into their Reading Record. Five/ten minutes every day with a brief comment of 'Read to ...' with initials is enough proof to support their reading, improve their confidence and send them on their reading journey. Please note that until children reach Purple Band, they are encouraged to read each book 2/3 times. The first read involves decoding words then a second and third read allows for understanding and enjoyment of a text to occur.

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Spellings will be given out on a Friday for each year group with the spelling test on the following Thursday. Some of the words will be key words taken from the National Curriculum whilst others will be related to the daily phonic/GPaS* sessions. Practise every day is important, however different methods can be used to do so. 'Look, say, cover, write and check' is an option along with using flash cards, different colours (paper/pens), playing noughts and crosses with two words and/or creating mnemonics (e.g. o u lucky duck for could, should and would). A Maths task of numbers bonds/facts or times tables will also be given on the same day with testing the following week.

For outdoor learning session days, please see the topic web. Pupils will need their outdoor kit for this. Being outdoors is invaluable to learning and personal development. The weather will not stop sessions happening!

If you have not had a chance to look already, there are some learning web links on our Kingfisher Class page on the school website (www.dorringtonschool.co.uk) along with other information. I will continue to add to this as the class learn about different topics/subjects.

I hope that I have covered most of the key start of year information but if you have any queries then please don't hesitate to ask or to make an appointment with me.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Miss S Lumley

*GPaS = Grammar, Punctuation and Spellings