



Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is intended to help children understand expectations for this term, organise themselves for activities like PE and remember Boringdon expectations for things like taking responsibility for their homework. It is also intended as a guide for you, keeping you informed about our learning this term and reminding you of key dates and events.

The information below sets out the learning for the coming months but, as ever, if you have any questions about your child's welfare, learning or progress, please do not hesitate to contact us - our email addresses are below.

**This term we will be learning about:**

English	Writing instructions using <i>Jungle Survival Handbook</i> by Jen Green. Writing a narrative using <i>Inside the Villains</i> by Clotilde Perrin. Writing an adventure narrative using <i>Varjak Paw</i> by SF Said. Writing a text about events in a person's life using <i>Shackleton's Journey</i> by William Grill. .
Maths	Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.
Science	Forces Earth and Space
Computing	Stop motion animation. Programming: Microbit
Geography	Volcanoes
History	How does the Maya civilisation compare and contrast with British History between 250AD and 900AD?
Music	Gamelan drumming and Steel Pan drumming
Art and Design	Drawing: I need space
Design & Technology	Mechanical Systems: Making a pop-up book
Religious Education	Why do Christians call Jesus the Messiah? What does it mean if Christians believe God is loving and holy?
Physical Education	Real PE - Agility ball chasing and Coordination with equipment. Gymnastics and Athletics
Modern Foreign Languages	Numbers, months, dates, school subjects, transport, classroom items
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	Celebrating Differences Dreams and Goals

**Homework.**



Children will receive weekly spellings to learn at home.

We also expect children to read at home for 30 minutes each evening.

Maths homework will be set weekly. It is expected that the children practise their tables, using Times Table Rockstars, at least three times a week.

Homework is to be handed in on a Wednesday, which is also when children will complete their spelling test. Children will have a physical copy and a PDF will also be uploaded to Seesaw.

#### **PE Times**

PE time for this term will be:

Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has a school P.E kit on the days that they have PE.

It is essential that all items are named as this ensures the safe return of lost pieces of kit. May we please stress that the children should wear School P.E kit (coloured house team t-shirts (plain or with school logo), plain black shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms). Over the past years, 'P.E kit' in a variety of styles and colours has been worn by some children. This mismatch of kit does not reflect the pride we have in our uniform and our school, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the acceptable kit.

#### **Snacks/Water**

As a Healthy School we encourage healthy snacks such as fruit. Your child will be able to eat their snack during morning break. We encourage children to bring in a bottle of water. Should they forget, cups are provided. It has been proven that keeping hydrated by drinking throughout the day improves concentration. Can we please emphasise that only a healthy snack such as fruit, cereal bars or vegetables are allowed for a break time snack.

#### **Peanut & Nut Allergy**

We have a few children in our school with a severe peanut allergy. Just touching another child's hand or a wrapper that has contained peanuts or nuts could cause a severe life-threatening reaction. It would really help us to keep these children safe if you ensure your child brings no nut products to school in their packed lunch. Your support would be much appreciated.

We hope that this letter has been helpful but please remember that we are always very happy to discuss any concerns you may have, either after school or at a more convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

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