

Dear Parents,

It has been great welcoming the children of Yew class back to school for the start of a new year and new term. I would like to provide you with some information that will allow you to support your child this term.

PE:

For the Autumn Term, PE days are Thursday and Friday. Thursday is our indoor PE session and Friday is our outdoor PE session. Please could the children have trainers and appropriate items of warm clothing for outdoor PE, e.g. a jumper and tracksuit bottoms, as well as black shorts and a white t-shirt with the school logo for indoor PE. Please ensure that PE kit is returned to school the day after any sporting clubs.

Homework:

Every child in Yew class has been issued with their own **homework diary**, so they can learn to become more independent and organised with remembering events at or items needed for school. The homework diary needs to be kept in your child's school bag so that they have access to it both at home and at school. On a Monday morning, the children will write their 'weekly notes' into their homework diary. This will include events for the week and homework tasks to complete.

There will be up to 3 pieces of homework set each week: **spelling list, English and Maths**. English and Maths homework should take between 20 and 30 minutes to complete (please speak to the class teacher if there are any problems). Please encourage your child to look in their homework diary to see which homework tasks need completing. The tasks are designed for parents and pupils. The aim for parents is to provide information about what we have been learning in class and how you can support your child at home. The aim for pupils is to participate in regular practise of key skills and to consolidate and practise or extend work that we have been doing in class with the support of an adult.

The children will be asked to complete their homework on sheets that will be stored in a **homework folder**, or sometimes in a more creative way depending on the task. They may also be asked to complete their homework online, using My Maths or Purple Mash. Log-on's for both of these programmes will be given out shortly in separate letters.

In addition to the 3 pieces of homework, please continue to **read with your children on a daily basis**, discussing what has been read, and encourage your child to read independently as often as possible. There will be a section in the homework folder for children or parents to make comments about what has been read at home. **Spellings** and **times table facts** should also be practiced **as often as possible, ideally every day** so that they are embedded.

All homework will be set on a Monday and will be due back in on Friday.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Saunders
Yew Class Teacher