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St. Mary's CofE Primary School

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a brilliant Summer break and have enjoyed the time with your children. We have a busy term ahead of us and lots of things going on, so hopefully this letter will help to get the term started off smoothly.

P.E for Dahl Class this year is on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Your child can come into school wearing their PE kit for the entire day. Your child must wear a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. In colder weather they may wear tracksuit bottoms and their school jumper.

It's great to see all the children back looking smart and lots in new uniform. With that in mind, it's important that all items of clothing, PE kit, coats and all school uniform, are named to avoid any lost belongings.

As well as P.E, we will also continue to have **Forest School** this will run on a 4 weekly cycle, please make sure that on these days, children come to school with wellies or an extra pair of shoes, a coat, any other waterproof clothing they may have such as trousers or an all in one suit and a change of clothes. Children will be reminded the day before they have Forest School and reminders will be sent out when this begins.

At break time your child can bring a small, healthy snack. We also encourage the children to drink water during the day, your child needs to bring their own drink of water in a named drinks bottle.

All children will continue to bring home a reading book each night and will change their books after they have passed an accelerated reader quiz or have answered questions based on the book they have chosen from their coloured book-band. This allows them to read the book more confidently and ensures they are developing their understanding of what they read. Children are expected to read every day to an adult. Please remember to write any comments in **each day** and to return them to school each morning. Reading diaries will be checked every **Wednesday**. Children who continually have **5 entries** on the **Wednesday** from **5 separate days** will gain a prize from Mrs Howlett on spontaneous prize days. We appreciate any support you give in helping your child with their reading. It's so important and really does make a difference.

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As well as this, all children will come home with spellings to learn every **Friday**. They will be tested on the spellings on the **following Friday**. We would be really grateful if you could practice these spellings at home with your children when you can.

In Year 3 and 4, children will receive **1 Maths** and **1 English** piece of homework with their spellings which will take roughly **20-30 minutes.** This will be given out on a Friday and should be returned on or before the following **Friday**. Should they have any problems with the homework please come and talk to us or write a note in their reading diary and the problems can be discussed and talked through together.

This term we are going to be learning lots of exciting new things! Attached with this letter is the curriculum overview for this half-term which will tell you exactly what we are doing in each subject!

This term we have lots of exciting topics to cover. Our enquiry-based foundation subject curriculum means the children will be set a big question and will spend a certain length of time finding out information to answer it.
Our questions for the first half of the Autumn term are:

- What do rocks tell us about the way the Earth was formed? (Science)
- What makes the Earth angry? (Geography)

If you have anything to share with the class or comments about the topic and its contents please do get in touch, it would be great to share personal experiences or items with the children.

Finally, if for any reason you have any worries or concerns, please always feel free to come and see us, we are more than happy to talk through any thoughts that you have.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Laura Kay and Mrs Sharon Howlett