

Dear Parents

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new school year.

Alongside Mrs Richardson, I would like to welcome you all to Class 1. Although I am not new to the school, some of you may not know me so I thought I would let you know a little about myself:

I adopted Cumbria as my home 10 years ago but, as a Norfolk native, I am still very much getting used to the hills! I have five children (ranging in age from 19 to 7), one dog and two cats. I have been teaching throughout Great Corby School for the past six years, predominantly in Key Stage 2.

As we welcome the children back in to class, we would like to remind you of the importance of supporting your child's learning by:

Reading

The children will receive reading books and a reading record and we kindly ask that you regularly read with your child at home and record this in the reading record. Books will be changed every Monday – we expect that children re-read their books throughout the week to increase fluency and develop understanding.

Spelling

Spellings will be set each week for the children to learn. These spellings will be found on Spelling Shed (details to follow for Year 1 children) and in the reading record. Spelling Shed is a great online tool for practising the weekly spelling patterns so please do encourage your child to access it at home if you can. Spellings will be tested every Friday.

Homework

Homework for the first term will consist of a topic themed assignment (to be sent out in a few weeks time), regular reading and spelling practise. Year 2 children will also be set homework on Showbie.

P.E

PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full PE kit including trainers. Long hair should be tied up and earrings removed. School tracksuits and hoodies are available, please contact the office for further information.

iPads

If your child has an iPad that was purchased through school, please ensure that it comes to school every day, fully charged. All children will have access to an iPad for learning as we have class sets available if the child does not have their own. To aid their learning experience it helps if the children have earphones to use. For hygiene reasons, we kindly ask that your child brings, and keeps at school, a set of earphones or headphones that they can use with the iPads.

Parent Helpers

We are delighted that we are able to invite parent helpers back into class this year. At the current time, we would like volunteers to come in and listen to children read in the mornings (9am-9.15am). This does not have to be a regular commitment but if you feel that this is something you can offer please do get in touch.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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