



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Lower Juniors. We hope that you have had a good summer holiday and are raring to go for the new academic year.

P.E. Kits -Please could all children have P.E. kits in school. These should be brought on a Monday and left in school until Friday. Children will need a plain white T. Shirt and dark shorts for indoor P.E. with the addition of a jumper, joggers and suitable footwear (trainers or pumps) for outdoor P.E.

Reading - In school, Y4 children will be taking part in the *Reading Plus* scheme. This is a research-based silent reading programme which has been designed to improve reading comprehension, reading rate and vocabulary. Y3 children will be having weekly comprehension sessions using a scheme called *Headstart*. Children will also be heard regularly in school.

The expectation in Lower Juniors is that children read at least **five times per week at home**. Last year, this proved to be a huge success, and we would like to thank all parents and children who read every day. Dojos and team points will be given to children who read regularly.

Swimming - The Lower Juniors have swimming lessons at the Hydro on a Monday morning. Hazel Class will be first to take the plunge and will have lessons until Christmas. Then Sycamore Class will swim in the spring term with Silver Birch swimming after Easter in the summer term.

Meet the Team

If you would like to put faces to names or to ask any questions you may have, there will be chance to meet the lower junior teachers for an informal meeting on **Tuesday 19th September** straight after school.

Curriculum

A topic map of the areas we will cover in the next term is attached to this letter.

Spellings

Children will be given weekly spellings from the Y3/4 statutory spelling list. Please could you help your child to learn these at home. Spelling test results will be put into the spelling logs. Children will be taught methods of how to learn their spellings and look for patterns.

Rapid Recall/Times Tables

Children will also be given maths facts to learn (rapid recall) and times tables on a weekly basis. Notes about scores will be given to children weekly so that you are informed of your child's progress.

Homework

Homework will be given out each term in the Extended Learning Challenge blue book.

We realise that this is a lot to remember so we have included a '**Things to Remember...**' list. If you are ever worried about your child or have concerns, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher. May we also take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully

The Lower Junior Team

Miss Walsh, Mrs Beck, Mrs Baldini, Mrs Robbins, Mrs Burns