

Monday 15th April 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter. We are really pleased with how the children have settled back into school routines and thank you for your support with this.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about some of the routines in LKS2.

### Reading

We are really keen to be able to offer time in the school day to read for pleasure. Reading is such an important skill that opens the door to so many other areas of learning. In order to support your child with their reading, books are sent home daily for them to read at home. These books have been matched to their reading level and comprehension. It is very important that these are read to an adult at home regularly (we suggest at least 4 times per week). Those children who are already competent readers should still be reading to an adult at home in order to have the opportunity to discuss new vocabulary and the more complicated stories as books get harder.

We appreciate how busy family life can be, but the difference that just a few minutes reading each day can make is phenomenal.

### Homework

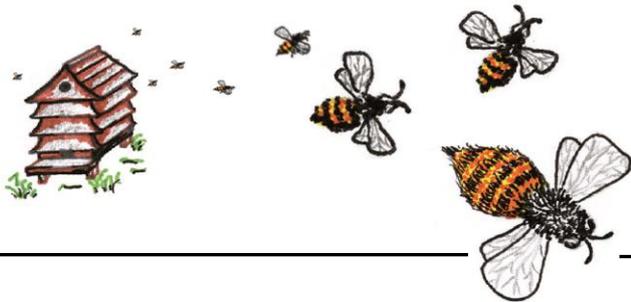
Homework continues to be set each week, alternating between a maths task and an English task. Homework is marked and new tasks set every Friday. If your child has completed their homework before then, it is perfectly fine to bring it in before the Friday deadline. If your child is having any issues with a homework task, their teacher will be happy to go through it with them if it is brought in earlier in the week.

### PE

PE is continuing on the same days (Hazel and Sycamore Tuesday and Silver Birch on a Wednesday) as last term and your child should come in to school in their PE kit as before. We would like to remind parents that the PE uniform should be adhered to and should only include plain tracksuit tops and bottoms in navy, black or grey with a plain t-shirt in red or white. School jumpers can also be worn. Please avoid colourful clothing or logos, as PE kit is part of our school uniform.

Silver Birch class and Year 3 children in Hazel and Sycamore will continue to do swimming on a Monday. Thank you for your support in sending children in their swimming costumes as changing time is very tight.





### Trip

Thank you to all parents who have already returned medical forms and payment for our trip to Ripon Museums in May. A quick reminder that Payment is due in full by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May please. It promises to be a very exciting trip and we are looking forward to taking the children.

### Year 4 MTC

We are continuing to give children lots of time to practice their times tables at school in preparation for the DfE Multiplication Times tables Check which will take place in the first 2 weeks in June. The check will be in a very similar format to the Soundcheck on TTRS and this is a good way to prepare. We have also introduced the Year 4 children to [Timestables.co.uk](http://Timestables.co.uk) today which has many other times tables activities and games to help support their quick recall of facts. Why not ask you child to show off their times table skills – each question should be answered in under 6 seconds!

We are looking forward to another term packed with exciting learning opportunities and really appreciate your support in all we do in school. As ever, if you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Your sincerely,

The LKS2 Team

