

Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope this term will be even better than the last for everyone.

In this letter we aim to give you an indication of what your child will be covering in the curriculum, as well as other information, which we hope you will find useful.

Autumn Curriculum

	Spring 1	Spring 2
English	Fairytales Black Dog by Levi Pinfold	Arabian Nights
Maths	Multiplication and division	Fractions and decimals
Science	Electricity	Teeth and digestion Food chains
History	N/A	Ancient Islamic Civilisation (will continue in Summer 1)
Geography	Europe and beyond Map skills	Europe and beyond
R.E.	Bible stories	Bible stories
P.E.	Tennis Dance	Ultimate frisbee Dance
P.S.H.E	Family and friends	Family and friends Drug education
Music	Improvising and composing	Improvising and composing
DT	N/A	Electricity diorama
Computing	Programming	Data logging
Art	Still life (drawing)	Mosaics
MFL	Food	Food

All children should have a named water bottle in school **every day**. They should take their bottle home on a Friday to be washed and this should be returned on a **Monday**.

Clothing

All children need an **indoor and outdoor pair of shoes** with them at school **every day**. Sensible slippers may be worn as indoor shoes. Children must wear school colours (blue and white) and long hair should be tied back.

Indoor **PE** is on Mondays and outdoor PE is on Fridays. PE kit must be brought in on these days and be clearly labelled.

For **out and about** on Wednesdays, please ensure your child has on long sleeves and long trousers, as well as extra layers and raincoats if needed. We go out even if it is raining and if a child does not have the appropriate clothing, they will have to stay inside.

Homework

As well as daily practice of times tables, spelling shed and daily reading (see below), children are expected to complete a reading/writing activity each week. In addition, children may sometimes be given additional work to provide them with specific support. The purpose of this homework is to develop independence. As such, the homework tasks are relatively simple and able to be completed independently. Your child will have a red homework book, which they should keep at home. Homework will be set on Seesaw on a Wednesday and is to be uploaded to Seesaw by the following Tuesday. There will be time at lunch on Tuesday for children to complete their homework if they have not done it during the week at home. A printed copy of the homework will be provided for children who are not always able to access Seesaw.

Reading

It is really important that your child reads regularly. Sometimes they will read to you; sometimes they will read on their own. It is also worthwhile for children to listen to books, including those that they cannot read independently. Please enjoy a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry with your child. If you need support in choosing books or reading materials, please speak to your child's teacher. It is worth having subtitles on their TV programs, and listening to audio books.

Times tables

The statutory Year 4 multiplication check will be taking place in the second half of summer term. Please make sure your child is practising their times tables daily to improve fluency and speed. This will also help them access maths lessons better and improve their understanding of number.

Please be aware of the following:

Children should bring in a healthy snack (**fruit or vegetable**) for break times as fruit is not provided. This does not include dried fruit in wrappers (e.g. YoYo bears). No nuts at playtimes please. It can include savoury snacks such as bread sticks or rice cakes.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your children over the coming year. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us. Our email addresses are: rbest@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk, rbarnes@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk or estow@mayfield.cambs.scu.uk. You can also catch us after school if you need to talk about anything.

Yours sincerely,

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