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Dear Parents

Welcome back after the holidays. We hope you have had a great summer. We wanted to share with you the new routines and timetable in the 'Investigators' and 'Discoverers'.

Miss Young and Mrs Corbett will be working together to plan Maths and English lessons, teaching Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 in smaller groups on some mornings. If you would like to talk to either or both of us we are in school on the following days:

Monday – Miss Young

Tuesday – Miss Young, Mrs Corbett am

Wednesday – Miss Young, Mrs Corbett

Thursday – Mrs Corbett

Friday – Miss Young

Alongside ourselves, the children will continue to receive specialist teaching in PE from Nicky Jones on Monday afternoons.

We teach key skills lessons in Maths and English each day and provide opportunities to apply these skills across the curriculum in other subjects. We always try to provide a more personalised approach to learning; lessons are carefully planned and include opportunities to both consolidate and extend pupils learning according to their individual needs. Throughout the week, the children have opportunities to read with an adult exploring books through questioning and discussion; alongside other reading activities as part of our English lessons. In line with Ofsted guidance we are developing the Key Stage 2 curriculum to be more subject focussed, with each subject having its own topic area.

As the children progress through school into KS2 we feel it is important to continue developing their personal thinking and learning skills. Therefore, in the 'Investigators' and 'Discoverers' we have created opportunities for independent choice and challenge. They have independent choice if they are early finishers and at other points in the timetable. We provide opportunities for both child initiated and open ended challenges.

We aim to involve your child in their learning as much as possible to help them become reflective, independent and effective learners. Your child has 'Personal Challenges' which they are working towards and we assess their progress through day to day observation, marking, assessment and discussion with the child. We also try to use the outdoors as much as possible, in all areas of the curriculum; having a pair of wellies and a set of waterproofs in school at all times enables us to do this.

This term we have lots of exciting projects to sink our teeth into. In Science Year 3&4 are learning more about sound and how we hear things and Year 5&6 are blasting off into space to explore the solar system. Geography is focussed on climate zones and biomes under threat and History on the ancient Mayan civilisation. You may hear us tapping our feet to 80s tunes in Music and our creative focus is 'Movement in Art'.





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What you can do to help at home:

- support your child with their reading by listening to them read and talking to them about their book
- practise weekly spellings (tested and changed on Tuesday). Don't forget to use Spelling Shed!
- practise times tables
- practise telling the time on a daily, using different types of clocks
- Maths and English homework tasks (set on Wednesday, handed in on Tuesday mornings). Children will usually have two pages to complete in each homework book which will be linked to the work we have completed in class. The questions on each page become progressively more difficult, so do not worry if the grey circled questions are sometime too tricky. If you feel able, once your child has had a go it is ok to help them (please just put a pencil star by the question so I know they had help) or they can bring it in to school and we can look at the question together.
- use Mathletics. Sometimes the children will have targeted work linked to our learning in class which we have set them, other times they can have a go at a section of their choice or use Live Mathletics.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please pop in and see us or telephone. Thank you for your help and continued support.

Best wishes

Anna Young and Laura Corbett

