

Dear parents,

Welcome to Class F! This letter will outline some information about your child's class this year. Class F consists of Year 2 and Year 3 children, along with myself, Mrs. Neale and Miss. Judd. We are very excited about the year ahead and have some lovely activities planned.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Monday** and will usually consist of 1 Maths task and 1 English task, along with reading homework (reading books and red reading records). These tasks will give you an idea of the kinds of things your child will learn this academic year. There will also be spelling words to learn at home and multiplication tables / maths facts to revise. Spelling tests take place every **Monday** and the word lists will be sent out with the homework each week. Mental Maths tests take place every **Friday** and consist of 20 questions that test multiplication knowledge (quick recall of times tables) and mental arithmetic (e.g. doubles, halves, measures, addition, subtraction). I will send out copies of mental maths questions that have been asked for you to see as an example. These will be in the homework folder but do not need to be answered, they are just there for your information as examples of what has already been asked. Completed homework should be handed in by the following **Monday at the very latest**. There may be occasions where a term is unfamiliar or has been forgotten (for example 'adverb' or 'conjunction' in English Grammar homework). If this occurs we advise that you support your child by researching the terms using books or the internet, or seeking support from staff in school before the day the homework is due to be handed in.

Reading Homework, Reading Books and Reading Records

In Class F, children are expected to gradually develop their love for reading and become more independent and responsible for their own reading. They should read at home every day if possible, preferably to an adult. It is a school expectation that all children read to an adult at home a minimum of 3 times every week. This is part of the weekly homework and red reading records are checked every Friday. Children must have at least 3 adult signatures from home each week and they will get dojo team points for their home reading. Children who do not complete reading homework, or do not have their red reading records in school to be checked on the Friday, will miss some of their 'Golden Time' and will not receive their reading dojos. As children in Class F are allowed to change their own reading books (every Monday) we encourage them to have three books at a time; two school reading books and a 'choice' book from home. However, please don't expect them to read a full book each day – just a few pages is sufficient. School reading books must be read alongside an adult. Choice books are to be used for children to read at their own leisure and during independent reading times in school. Please ensure that your child has a 'choice' book in school every day along with their red reading records and two school reading books. The choice book from home can be kept in their tray until they are ready to change it.

PE

Class F PE takes place on a Monday and a Tuesday this term, so children need to wear full PE kit on these days. PE kit includes the Halsall PE t-shirt, with plain black or navy shorts and a pair of trainers. For colder days your child may wear a plain black or navy tracksuit for PE, along with their usual Halsall PE t-shirt. Please always ensure that they have a warm hoody or fleece on PE days (plain black, navy, or their usual red Halsall school jumper) to wear over the t-shirts. Children will not be permitted to wear anything other than the PE kit outlined above to participate in PE lessons.

Contact

Remember to check dojo regularly for any information about the class or school. Most important information is posted on the class story and the school story. Also check your child's bag daily, they may bring home snippets of information, extra work or important letters.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. The best way to do this is to telephone the school office, or send a note with your child. You can send a message directly using Class Dojo, but please keep in mind that these messages aren't always checked daily, so if your query is urgent contact the school office. The school office is also the place to contact with queries about uniform, monies, dinners and clubs – classroom staff often do not know the answer to these questions! Please do not try to approach staff at the end of the day as they are dismissing the children safely on the playground. Children will be dismissed individually when they have seen the adult that they are expecting to collect them. Please be patient as we dismiss the children and do not approach the line.

Equipment

Water bottle (no metal water bottles please).

Glue stick

Choice reading book to keep in tray. School reading books will be given out this week and these must be brought into school every day along with red reading records.

No pencil cases, colours, pens etc are required.

We do also have lots of fun in Class F and I hope your child is looking forward to the year ahead as much as I am! Thank you for your support – I hope all the children settle into class well and have a happy and enjoyable year.

Mrs. Floweth