

Kempsford Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely summer break.

This letter gives the information you will need for your child in Class 1 this term.

Our theme this term is '**RISE @ Kempsford**'. The focus is teaching children how to be the best learners they can be in order to embody the vision of the school. They will be learning about the local area as well as reflecting on themselves and their aspirations. This is a whole school theme and is really important in order to embed those key learning behaviours so the children can succeed. See the attached topic web for more information about what the children will cover in each subject. Please let me know if you have any knowledge or skills you may be able to offer us! In Class 1 Mrs Wyborn, Mrs Haynes and Mrs O'Brien will be supporting the children's learning. Mrs Ballard will take the class every Wednesday afternoon.

P.E.

P.E will be taught every week on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school. Long hair must be tied back and earrings will need to be removed or covered with tape. It is much easier if this can be done at home before coming into school.

Homework

Homework will be emailed every Friday in readiness for the following week. There are different aspects to this homework and completing and going through these with your children will hugely benefit their learning and help them continue to make good progress.

Maths and Literacy learning journeys – Each week you will see the learning journey that your child will be learning to do and the expectation for their year group. Please do discuss these with your child and wherever possible, as particularly at this young age, talking about their learning really supports developing their understanding.

MyMaths - This is a very valuable online resource where activities will be set weekly to consolidate the learning that has been done in class. Login details for this should have been sent home with your child but please do let me know if you haven't received this so that you can access this highly valuable resource and complete the set tasks regularly.

Spelling All children will be given ten spellings each week that consolidate the spelling patterns or sounds they have been learning during the week. Please practice these as regularly as possible with your children, as repetition of taught spellings is highly valuable in helping children to retain words they have learnt as they become more exposed to more challenging spellings throughout the year.

Pick N Mix - This homework will be sent out termly and will include different practical activities relating to our topic that you can complete with your child. There will be different points allocated to these activities and when a child brings in evidence of completed activities they will receive recognition of achieving these points and given an award for the points they have earned at the end of the term. If you could please bring in any evidence of completed activities on a Wednesday, they will then be checked and returned with the points allocated.

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Reading

Over the coming weeks, I will be making initial assessments of the children to ensure that they are given reading books of a suitable level to be read at home daily. Reading with your child for 15 minutes a day is important and can make a big difference in how quickly children progress with their reading!

We have ordered new reading records for this year, though sadly they are yet to arrive. As soon as they do, your child will be sent home with one! Whenever you read with your child, please record this in the book with a quick comment about their reading. It doesn't need to be a really detailed comment, just a well done if your short for time will be great! However, if you do have the time and notice there are particular sounds they are having difficulty in recognising or any queries you have letting us know this in the comment box can be really helpful in planning next steps to keep developing their reading.

Parent Helpers

During the school year we will be asking for parent helpers for trips. There are certain adult to child ratios we have to meet and would really appreciate any help in doing this. We also would really like regular help to hear readers. Please let me know if you may be able to offer us some time during the school day, even an hour a week would be fantastic.

If you have any questions/queries please let me know. You can catch me on the playground at the start/end of the day.

I'm really looking forward to working with your children this year and appreciate your support.

Kind regards,
Miss C. Allanach