

# Kempsford Church of England Primary School

“Together, we will RISE”

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter holidays and have managed to enjoy some of the sunnier weather! This letter gives the information you will need for your child in Class 1 (Kaleidoscope) this term.

This term our learning will be based on our book hooks ‘Man on the moon’ and ‘The way back home’. Please see the attached topic web for more information about what the curriculum will include linked to these hooks.

## P.E.

P.E will be taught every week on a **Thursday**. Please can you ensure that **your child arrives at school already dressed in their PE kit**. They will remain in this for the day and need not change, below is the required PE kit:

- **White T-shirt and school jumper**
- **Black shorts or dark joggers** when it is colder weather, as the children will be currently be outside for PE
- **Black trainers. No school shoes as many of these are not suitable for the PE activities that the children will be participating in.**

If your child is participating in any after school activities, the children will need the same PE as expected during the school day. In line with our uniform policy, no ‘team’ kits are to be worn. The only change to PE kit for after school clubs will be footwear where needed i.e.: football or rugby clubs.

## Belongings

Children need to bring coats, their lunchbox if not having a hot meal, one snack and water bottle into school each day. To help build independence and responsibility, we provide each child with their own pencil case of resources to use within the classroom. We also do this so that their own items, which may be from home, do not get lost and are safe. The children are encouraged and reminded to look after their belongings and keep them in the places allocated for them, though at times things can mistakenly be misplaced. To help with this, please can you ensure any uniform items or other belongings are named to help us return them to the right location should they go missing. We do have a ‘lost property’ box with several jumpers that aren’t named, please do ask if you appear to be missing anything and we can check for this.

In the last term, some children have been bringing in items from home that are special to them in their bags. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that no items like this are brought into school.

## Snack and allergies

We have a small break each morning for snack time, where children have **one** snack item to help keep them going. Their snack needs to be a healthy item, preferably fruit that the children can eat quickly and easily. We have fruit delivered to school each week so always have some available. We do have children in the class with **severe nut allergies**, so please check labels of food items very carefully to



make sure that snacks brought into school **do not contain nuts**. If a child does have an item containing nuts, we will need to remove it from the classroom and provide them with fruit as an alternative to help keep all of the children safe, thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **Reading Records**

Please can you continue to ensure that the children have their **reading books and records in school every day**. Reading books will continue to be **changed every Friday**, when we also tally and review the reading records to check for any reading certificates! This term the children will be coming home with two books each week, one which matches the phonic sound or spelling patterns they have been focusing on during the week and another longer reading text to help start to build their fluency and stamina for reading further. Some children are getting very close to beginning the Flight Plan which is very exciting!

### **Homework**

Just a reminder that Homework is **set online weekly every Friday** and is designed to consolidate the learning the children have done during the week. There is a positive correlation between completing the weekly Literacy and Maths homework and the progress that is made within learning throughout the year. Please do support your child in engaging regularly in this weekly homework to really help them RISE in their learning!

If it is not possible for your child to complete these homework activities online, **paper copies can be made available on request**. Below is an explanation of what is set and will be checked weekly:

**MyMaths** - An activity set which consolidates the learning from the week. Some of the time this term, the homework may be completing a game or an activity from a different site if there isn't a relevant activity available on MyMaths. Where this is the case, the link will be in the task for you to follow.

**Bug Club reading** - When reading the allocated books, **please do click on the little bug icons where you see them on the pages of the book and complete the questions, otherwise it does not remove the book from the account once completed**. I reallocate books once I can see they have been completed and this is the only way for me to see that on the system.

**Spelling Shed** - Using your child's login, please complete the allocated spelling activity, which hopefully you will find is presented in a much easier and more child-friendly way! I do recommend the children still practice physically writing the spellings where possible to continue to also support their writing skills.

### **Events this term**

**Year 2 SATS** – These statutory assessments will be taking place towards the end of the term but are conducted in a very supportive and encouraging way.

**The King's Coronation** - Keep an eye out in our newsletters for community event news and information about what we have been doing to celebrate!

**Samba instrument lessons for Year 1** – Keep an eye out for a letter giving more information about this.

Kind Regards,

Miss Allanach