Kempsford Church of England Primary School

"Together, we will RISE"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I really hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and been able to enjoy time with family and friends. It has been a joy to welcome the children back and hear all the exciting things that have happened over the break!

Our value this term is Perseverance and our two book hooks are 'Polar the Titanic Bear' and 'Voices of the past: The Titanic'. Please see the topic web, which provides further insight into what the children will be learning in each subject this term.

<u>P.E.</u>

P.E will be continue to be taught every week on a **Tuesday**. Please can you ensure that **your child/children arrive at school already dressed in their PE kit**. They will remain in this for the day and not need to change. Most of the time the children will be using the hall, however please ensure the children are dressed appropriately for the weather just in case. Below is a reminder of the required PE kit:

- White T-shirt and school jumper
- Dark joggers
- Trainers

Reading

Firstly, thank you for your continued efforts with supporting the children's reading, it is wonderful to see many reading certificates being achieved. We now have several community volunteers coming in to support the children with their reading during the week which is fantastic, so please can I ask 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!

<u>Homework</u>

Thank you for your support with your children's learning at home so far, it is great to see how it is supporting children with their confidence in their learning! Homework will continue to be set online weekly every Friday and is due to be completed by the following Friday. Engaging in homework is so important, as the more opportunities children have to regularly consolidate their learning outside of school, the more their confidence and progression in their learning will grow! If it is not possible for your child to complete these homework activities online for any reason, paper copies can be made available on request.

Please see a reminder of the weekly expectations:

- **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 daily or as often as possible, as we are only able to give the children one physical reading book from school during the week. When reading the allocated books, please do click on the little bug icons where you see them and complete the questions, otherwise it does not remove the allocation and the account will fill up very quickly with lots of resources as I allocate new reading material weekly.
- Spelling Shed This is something new we are trialling this term to replace the Forms spellings on Teams. 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.

As there are quite a few different logins for this, I have provided you with a sheet which has your child's login for each of these three aspects to hopefully make life a bit easier! Spelling Shed and MyMaths login details have the QR codes attached that you can use if helpful to access the homework.

Snack and allergies

Just a quick note to say thank you for continuing to support us by providing **nut-free snacks** for your children. We receive a delivery of fresh fruit every week so if there is ever a time where snacks may be forgotten, please do not worry as we always have something available to avoid rumbling tummies!

We have some exciting things planned for the term ahead including a Poetry Day and supporting Mental Health week, do keep an eye out for our class section of the of the school newsletters to find out some of the wonderful things the children have been enjoying and achieving throughout the term.

Finally, a big thank you for your continued support, it is such a pleasure to see how the children are continuing to grow and RISE throughout the academic year! As ever, if you have any concerns, queries or important messages that you need to pass on to me, please don't hesitate to catch me at the gates or alternatively contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Kind Regards,

Miss Allanach