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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope you have all had a great summer break and are feeling well-refreshed and raring to go for another busy year. A huge welcome to our newcomers to Eagles Class and a welcome back to those of you who were with us last year.

I would just like to go through a few of our class routines - some of which may be familiar if your child was with us last year but there are a couple of important changes.

Staffing:

Mrs Phillips will be my teaching partner for this year, she will be with me throughout each morning and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons too. Mrs. Fowler will be with me on Monday and Friday afternoons. The school is also in the process of recruiting an additional teaching partner to work in Eagles' class.

Topic Web and Book List

The topic web for this term, which shows the subjects and areas we will be covering has been uploaded onto the school website on the Eagles' class page. I have also uploaded a list of the books that we will be covering throughout the year in both reading and writing.

PE and Forest School

PE will be on **Friday** afternoons this term and children are asked to wear their PE kit to school on that day, this allows the children have the maximum amount of time doing PE. Forest school will take place in on Thursday afternoon in Term 3 and Term 6 with Mr. Bridges.

Break Times:

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack for morning break. There is a space just outside the classroom for water bottles and we encourage the children to take drinks throughout the day.

School Equipment:

All of the school equipment children require is in school in their own labelled pencil case. They do not need to bring in their own equipment unless it is something that benefits their learning e.g. a handwriting pen. Often, additional equipment provides unnecessary distraction. Children have access to ear defenders, tinted overlays and specific fidget toys in class.



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Homework and Reading Records

Children are encouraged this year to complete their own reading records. As a minimum expectation, they should be reading at least 20 minutes per night for at least 3 nights of the week, either with an adult or independently, provided they are a confident reader. They can fill in their own reading record or you can fill it in for them. If you would like your child to continue to practise maths outside of school, children still have access to Times Table Rockstars for mental maths. In addition to this there is also the option to buy a home learning White Rose maths workbook that is linked to the scheme we use in school, these can be bought on Amazon. I also have a number of resources that I can provide should your child need additional work on a certain subject, this would usually be discussed at parent meetings.

Class Dojo and Parent Meeting

Regular updates, photos and notices will be posted on Dojo as well as the weekly Gold Book winners. It is a helpful, informal way to communicate with myself, if required. Please ensure any formal communication goes through the school office. Printed logins will be sent home but you can also join with this link:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=6a9025121a3ce54fe099d887>

A welcome meeting will be held in Eagles' class next Thursday 10th September at 3.15 to go through the various routines and expectations. If you are unable to make it, I will be uploading the slides to the Eagles' class page on the website.

Trips

Children will have the chance to enjoy a number of trips and experiences in Eagles this year. We have already booked tickets to Cheltenham Literature Festival where we will be seeing Katherine Rundell in October and a letter will be sent out for this early in term 1.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Stinchcombe