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Dear Parents/Carers,

**WELCOME TO EMERALD CLASS - OR WELCOME BACK FOR OTHERS!**

At the beginning of the school year we thought it might be useful to let you know what life in Emerald Class will be like this year.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework books will be given to pupils on a Thursday. Pupils will then have the whole week to complete these. The homework books will then need to be handed in first thing on a Wednesday unless otherwise informed. This year, year 1 and year 2 children will have an English homework book and a Maths homework book (and also a SPAG book for the children in year 2) with the year's homework in it. They only need to complete one piece from each book each week. Please do not allow your child to complete more than this as we will not have taught the skills and we will only mark one piece each week.

Homework is based on concepts previously taught and pupils are expected to try all the questions. However, if they find the questions too difficult, it is fine to leave them. We do expect every child to do their best though and should the homework not be completed to a level we believe they are capable of, they will be asked to complete it again in school. We are focussing on presentation and handwriting this year so homework is also expected to be completed to a high standard. Both English and Maths homework must be completed in pencil. You can of course help them with any homework if they find it difficult, but please could you annotate the book to show where your child had help so that we know what further work we need to do with them. Thank you!

Please can you hear your child read at least twice a week. On these nights, please can you sign and date their homework diary to say that you have either heard or seen them read. As children become more confident readers they can read independently, it is not always essential that you hear them read. Reading should be for pleasure so 20 minutes in bed is as acceptable as 20 minutes sat with you, as is reading a magazine or newspaper

Weekly spellings will be given on a Friday (stuck into their green reading diaries) and then tested the following Friday. Please could you help your child learn these as often as possible.

#### PE

PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday this term. Weather permitting, these lessons will take place outside on the playground or field so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit. School PE kit consists of a yellow T-shirt, navy/black shorts, trainers with good grip (no black pumps) and a warm navy/black tracksuit for cold weather. A shower proof jacket may also be useful for those odd

showers. Trainers should be a different pair to those that they wear to school as the field can become very muddy in winter.

### CURRICULUM

We have a variety of topics for this term. In Geography, our topic will be cities of the UK and surrounding seas, and in History – The Stone Age. In Science, we will be continuing to follow the Emperi-box scheme. If you have any artefacts, books, music etc. at home that could help us with our studies, please do send them in. Also, you could encourage your child to look for any information on these topics (you can be as creative as you like), especially if you are a member of the library!

In English this term, we will be learning about the Stone Age and what it would have been like for the people and animals that lived in those times. We will be describing the different animals and thinking about how the setting would have looked. We will also be writing our own guide books. We will be going to see 'The Wizard of Oz' pantomime at Christmas so all our Christmas work will be based on this.

In Maths we will begin the year with a week on place value then developing our understanding of calculations and the application of these. We will also cover shape and measurement. Please can you help your child to learn and practise their times tables. There are many fun apps to help children learn these, as well as CDs and online resources. We will of course continue to practise times tables in class too.

### HELP!

We always welcome help in the classroom. If you could spare some time each week to hear readers, please let us know.

Should you ever have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. We are usually available before and after school. Hopefully with us all working together, we can have a fantastic term and ensure that your child, or children, gets the most out of Emerald Class life.

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Yassin and Kirsty Swinson  
Emerald Class Teachers