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Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to P2/3!

We hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for a busy term! Just a few pieces of information for you regarding this term-

### Literacy

#### Handwriting

As children arrive each morning, their starter task involves practising a variety of letter formations. We use a useful website called Doorway Online which can also be accessed from home. Should you wish to learn more about this, please click on 'Literacy' and then 'Letter and Number Formation' within the website, to see the animated video which takes children through how to form their letters correctly.

#### Reading and Spelling

We are using rotations in class to enable the children to explore a range of literacy skills in each session. This also allows me to hear all the children reading each day. We look at a reading activity which links with the children's reading book, allowing for exploration of sounds and letters and writing. The children spend some time reading individually and also have time to practice their spelling words.

### Numeracy and Maths

This term we are focusing on addition; learning about different strategies children can use to work out addition problems. We are mostly working with numbers within 100, however this learning will be extended or supported as required. We will also work on subtraction and consider strategies for solving these problems. There is a focus on talking about 'how' children have come to the answer, and comparing pupils strategies, so they understand there are often many routes to the 'answer'! The class are also looking at aspects of Measure and Estimation for this coming term.



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### Topic

Today we held a vote and the children have chosen to look at 'Houses and Homes'.

We will now take this forward by finding out what the children already know about this area, and discuss and decide what they want to learn about. This topic gives us the opportunity to cover learning within the whole curriculum, but will relate particularly closely to Social Studies, Science and Religious and Moral Studies (if we start to look at housing in different cultures). As always, if you would like to get involved and share knowledge with the class, please feel free to contact me. It might be that you are a builder who could share knowledge for example. The children are often engaged further by a new visitor so parents/carers are always welcome!



### PE

Please make sure your child has their PE kit and their indoor shoes with them throughout the week. Mrs Woodhouse will be taking the class for PE every second **Tuesday afternoon** (1.30-2.30) but this slot will always be one of our PE days. Our second PE slot is on a Thursday morning. Please ensure children have hair bobbles for long hair, shorts, t-shirts and trainers in case we do outdoor gym. We wear our indoor shoes for indoor gym.

### Homework



Your child will have some homework this term and these tasks can be found in your child's homework wallet.

There will be reading each night and there is a reading record for you to sign once this is completed; please feel free to add comments as well however if it is something urgent, please phone the office to ensure I get this information. From next week, a homework grid will be included in the wallet and your child can choose which task and learning to share at home.



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## Kodaly

I am pleased to inform you we will have Rosalind from Kodaly coming in regularly to sing with P2/3 over the next term. Kodaly is a fantastic programme which aims to teach children using a very interactive, collaborative, and highly kinesthetic method. This programme was developed by the Hungarian composer and educator Zoltán Kodály in the early 20th century. It combines several powerful techniques for developing the core skills of musicianship and focuses on expressive and creative skills which are linked closely to the world of musical ear training.



## Library

Our class will be visiting the library every second **Monday** afternoon in which they will be given time to explore and check out books to read in their spare time. We have taken one book but as the children become familiar with the routine this may increase. The children will read some of their books during the school day as part of ERIC time (enjoying reading in class).

Don't forget to keep checking our class blog to see any important things happening! You can sign up for email updates through the link at the bottom of the page:

<https://2019primary23.school.blog/>

I will aim to send you out a curriculum overview soon so you are aware of the learning we are looking to cover in the coming term.

Any questions, please feel free to ask,

Ms. Mackay