

## Welcome to a New School Year!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer!

The children will be taught by Miss Beck on a Monday and Tuesday, and by Mrs White on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our class teaching assistant is Mr Mountain (Monday to Friday mornings), we also have Mrs Chinery and Mrs Brookes as part of Fountains amazing team.

The children are allowed to bring in their own pencil case, which will only need a pencil, rubber, ruler, glue stick and colouring pencils – nothing else please! Extra items are not needed and tend to cause distraction!

Don't forget to bring your named water bottle to school every day too!

### Topic

This term our topic is 'Small Village, Big Horizons'. This topic will cover the difference between continents and countries, examples of each and how to locate on a map, as well as capital cities. We will look at the differences between some hot and cold countries, as well as understanding the differences between human and physical features.

In Science, we will be looking at the different food groups, and at how the human digestion system works. We will also be looking at how animals can be classified as herbivores, carnivores or omnivores based on their diet.

### Reading

The children will use 'accelerated reader' this year. Within the next two weeks, the children will be assessed to make sure that they are accessing a range of appropriate reading books. This is a scheme where children have books appropriate to their reading level and once they have read the book the children have to complete an online quiz. The children then score points for the books that they have read. It is expected that the children are reading at home a minimum of three times a week. Please date and sign the Reading Diary each time your child has read! 2 Dojo points will be awarded to each child each time they have read at home.

### Homework

Homework will be sent home every Monday, along with new spellings. The homework sheets will need to be completed by the following Monday, with a Spelling Test also on that same day. As already mention, it is expected that children read a minimum of three times each week, and that this is recorded into their Reading Diary.

Please note, that should children not complete homework or read a minimum of three times each week, then children will be expected to complete this during their own time on a Monday.

### PE

Our PE sessions are on a Tuesday and a Friday this year. Children will need their PE kit in school on these days to get changed in school. Please check the school website if you are unsure of the PE kit requirements.

### Class Dojo

The children will continue to collect Dojo points for positive behaviour within school, as well as for reading at home. Remember we also use Dojo as a communication tool, so turn on your notifications for posts and messages to keep as up to date as possible.

Any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact myself on Mrs White via Dojo. We are very much looking forward to an exciting year with your children!

*Miss Beck, Mrs White and Mr Mountain  
Fountains Team*