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Dear Parents,

 I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday, despite the poor weather. Here is a letter explaining about some of the new class routines we have in place and general information about homework, spellings, reading and PE lessons. For the other subjects, I have emailed a curriculum overview for this half term to inform you of the things I will be teaching in all the subject areas.

**Reading**

 Reading is vital to learning and we will be listening to the children read as often as we possibly can, so I would greatly appreciate for the children to bring their reading books and reading records in school every day. If they need to change their books, they will be able to place the books they have finished reading into the box available in our classroom and they can then choose a new book from the library. **The children should be doing about 10-15 minutes worth of reading every night and I would appreciate if they could be heard to read by an adult as often as possible and for this to be recorded in their reading record books.**

**PE**

 This term Year 3 and 4 will be taught PE every Wednesday and Thursday. This term they will be taught cricket by Mr Gibson on a Wednesday and coaches from Carlisle United will continue to teach the children PE every Thursday afternoon. I would appreciate for your child to keep their PE kits in school every day. The PE kit comprises of a plain black pair of shorts or black joggers, a white T-shirt, black hoodie (school or plain) and a pair of trainers. It is the responsibility of the child to remove all of their jewellery, therefore I advise that earrings are either removed before attending school in the morning or your child has a container to keep them safe.

**Homework and Spellings**

 Homework and spellings will be glued into the children’s homework books and will be **handed out on a Thursday** and must be **returned by the following Wednesday**. There is a box in the classroom for the children to hand their books in. Homework will predominantly be either Maths or English based. Sometimes it may be completed using ICT or by hand, depending on the preferred way of working. If homework is completed using ICT then please ensure that it is glued into their books. If your child struggles with the work, please attach a note saying this and return to the school and I will work with your child on it in school. Their spellings will also be glued into their homework books every week and I expect to see evidence of them practising their spellings in the grid provided.

If you have any questions about any areas of the curriculum, please don’t hesitate to speak to me.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura Gibson