

Sandringham & West Newton Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are all well rested. Adults involved in class this year are:

*Mrs Reddey

*Miss Leftley (HLTA) -> She will be teaching the PE for the class also.

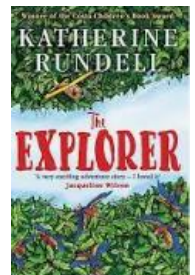
*Mrs Sizeland (TA) Thursday pm and Friday pm.

A few things to know:

Spellings: Spellings remain to be **every Friday** with a new rule being taught every Tuesday in the lead up to the Friday test. An overview of these rules will be sent out separately. Please practise each week before the test.

Reading: No matter your age, reading is extremely important. It opens up many doors to vocabulary, imagination and general understanding of the world. It is essential that your child has every opportunity to read a range of genres. They should read with an adult too **everyday** – This is highly beneficial when helping your children gain understanding of a text and also have opportunity to talk about the story, ask questions, find meaning of new words, therefore building comprehension. I have will email the year 5/6 booklist which can help if your child is looking for inspiration. If you would like a paper copy, please do ask.

Class read: As well as reading themselves, a class novel is read to them too. This term, the book is **'The Explorer,'** by Katherine Rundell. If your children has a copy, or would like to get themselves a copy, or even grab a copy from the library to follow along with us in class, please feel free to bring one in.



Homework: It will be expected that the following requirement are fulfilled for homework:

- Regular practise of spellings and to read, with an adult daily;
- Practising of times tables daily (if you are one with a Tables Book) with testing of these being on a Monday, so they will need their book in school on that day;
- Taking part with the set Sumdog challenge that will be set weekly (set on Tuesdays to be completed by the following Monday).



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- I am planning to have a project-based piece of homework set for this half term, linked to our Americas topic which will be sent out in the next week or two.

Topic & Curriculum: I have attached to the newsletter our curriculum overview for this half term, with our Topics being 'Amazing Americas.' There may possibly be an exciting opportunity of communicating with a school from America too, so watch this space! The first half is dedicated to South America and the Rainforest.

Forest school & PE: Forest school will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon, with Mrs Patnell. On these days, your child will be required to come to school dressed in their forest school attire. It will be every other week. The week the class are not doing forest school, they will be doing PE with Miss Leftley. **Our first Forest school is Thursday 14th September. This week it is PE.**

Kingswood: It is exciting that our trip to Kingswood is nearing. There will be a separate pack being sent home with more information about the trip, along with an important consent and medical form that will need filling in. I hope to arrange a parent meeting to discuss what will be involved at Kingswood.

Prefects: We are pleased to announce that we are back on the lookout for 2 more prefects for the school. This is open to a **Year 6**. If any Year 6's are interested in taking up the post, they need to apply with a written letter of application, and hand it in to myself by **Friday 15th September**.

School Council Reps: If anyone in either year group is interested in being a rep for the school council this year, please take an application form from my desk and hand it in by **Friday 15th September**.

AOB:

- Earrings need to be taken out on PE days (Thursdays & Fridays). They need to be responsible for the taking out and putting in of their own earrings.
- Please ensure all children are wearing the appropriate clothing for both forest school and PE which is in line with the school's requirements.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us or drop us a line. Mrs Reddey can be e-mailed on creddey@swd.dneat.org. Alternatively, you can message the school office or speak to us at drop off or pick up times.

Happy learning!

With warm regards,

Mrs Reddey, Miss Leftley & Mrs Sizeland