

Monday 8th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Year 4/5 (Drinnick Class) and hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. We are very much looking forward to the Spring Term ahead.



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Staff:

Miss Martyn will teach the class on Monday morning, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Grindrod will be with the class from Monday-Friday in the mornings. On a Monday afternoon, PPA is covered by Miss Courtney (HLTA).

Class Dojo:

Class Dojo will be used to give messages about things happening in our class and in school. Thank you to the parents who have already signed-up. Also, you can use the messaging facility on Class Dojo, as this is a private conversation between the class teacher and the child's parent. However, please be aware that Class Dojo messages are not always checked every day. Therefore, urgent things that need our attention should be shared with us on the door or via the office.

Curriculum:

At Nanpean School, we follow the National Curriculum for each subject. A separate Curriculum Overview Sheet is completed for each term and this gives more details about what our class will be covering this term. This will be sent next week.

PE

Drinnick Class will have PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. On these days, children can still wear their PE kit to school. PE kit must consist of:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with pen).

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning is part of the weekly timetable for each class as this is proven to support children's mental health and wellbeing, while it also provides opportunities for learning to be taken outside. Our Class Outdoor Learning session will vary each week depending on which subject we are doing outside. This will be communicated with you in advance via Class Dojo. On these days, please make sure that your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear due to the wet and/or muddy conditions. Please make sure these are labelled with your child's name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Reading Comprehension sessions or Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics sessions. Pupils will have a library slot on **Monday** afternoons where they can select a book to bring home that they can read for pleasure and also record in their reading records. New books cannot be taken from the library until the previous book has been returned so please make sure pupils bring their library book to school on a **Monday**.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the school Reading Challenge. This must be filled in



and signed for the reading points to be counted. Reading activities written in after the record has been checked and counted will not be added towards the Reading Challenge.

How you can help your child at home:

In addition to reading 5 times a week, children will also be set spellings to practise on 'Spelling Shed'. These spellings are the same as the ones we are learning in class and will be shared on Class Dojo as part of our Monday post. We also have a subscription to TTRockstars which will assist your child in preparing for the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) assessment in Year 4, and will continue to reinforce number skills and facts in Years 5 and 6, so it is **vital** that this is practised to ensure continued progress. Your child's login details are in their Reading Record book and the current recommendation is 30 minutes of practice per week. **The MTC assessment for Year 4 children is conducted online so both the multiplication and computing skills must be mastered to ensure success. This national assessment will be conducted at the beginning of June.**

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend no more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen (TV / PC / Laptop / Tablet / Smartphone, etc...).

Communication – an 'Open Door' Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in our class. The class teacher will greet the children at the door each morning and the teaching assistant will dismiss at the end of the day where quick messages can be given. If you need to discuss something with us which requires more time, please speak to the office staff who will contact us. Also, you can use the messaging facility on Class Dojo, as this is a private conversation between the class teacher and the child's parent. However, please be aware that Class Dojo messages will only be checked a couple of times a week. Therefore, urgent things that need our attention should be shared with us on the door or via the office.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Martyn & Mrs. Grindrod
Drinnick Class Team

