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Year 2 Term 1 2026-2027

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Our Term 1 Curriculum Overview provides information about our learning this term and accompanies this letter. The Curriculum Overview explains all of the learning that is taking place over the term.

Our home learning this term:

- Each week, the children will be expected to complete either **15 minutes of Numbots or an English activity**. The English activity will be stuck into their purple Home Learning books. Home learning will be set on a Friday, to be completed and returned to class by the following Wednesday.
- Please ensure that you read with your child **at least 5 x per week**, and write in their reading record. We will be checking the reading records weekly **on a Friday.**
- Spellings practice for **weekly test on Monday.**
- If your child has not yet completed their High Frequency words, please continue to work on these and let us know when they are ready to be tested.

Reading:
At the beginning of this term, we have read with each of the children to ensure that your child has an appropriate and well-matched reading book. We move children onto the next level when we feel that they are reading fluently (without having to sound out all the words) **and** when they can answer questions about the story. This ensures that they can comprehend the text i.e. 'how did the character feel when ...', 'can you retell the story to me?' 'which word shows that the character felt sad?' When reading with your child at home, please ask a variety of questions so that they become more confident in how to answer them.

Your child should always have **2** books in their folder. This may be a phonics book and a scheme book or 2 scheme books depending on where your child is on their reading journey. During Term 1, scheme books will be changed on a Monday and Wednesday. Phonics books will be changed on a Friday. If your child has found a particular spelling pattern difficult during the week, it may be that they receive an additional phonics book to support them with their learning. This will be communicated in the reading record.

Weekly Events:

Monday	Spelling Check Reading Scheme books changed PE
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Home Learning to be handed in Reading Scheme books changed
Thursday	
Friday	PE - Swimming Home Learning Set Phonics Books changed Reading Records will be checked

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Home Learning Schedule:
Friday 4th September (Week 1) – Numbots
Friday 11th September (Week 2) – English
Friday 18th September (Week 3) – Numbots
Friday 25th September (Week 4) – English
Friday 2nd October (Week 5) – Numbots
Friday 9th October (Week 6) – English
Friday 16th October (Week 7) – Numbots

Uniform:
Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled clearly, in particular jumpers and cardigans as these are often taken off throughout the day. Children should have a spare change of uniform in the bag just in case they do need to get changed at all. If your child's hair is below shoulder length, please tie it back securely every day: loose long hair is distracting and also more susceptible to head lice. Please ensure all hair is tied back rather than half up and half down. Additionally, please remember to provide your child with a water bottle each day.

P.E.
Our PE lessons this term are on a Monday and Friday. If your child cannot participate in PE, please advise us of the reason in writing by email. If your child has pierced ears, please either remove the earrings or cover them fully with tape/plasters, **before coming to school**. Teachers are not allowed to remove/replace earrings. Our Friday PE lesson will be swimming from Friday 11th September.

Forest School:
I will communicate a date for forest school later this term. A reminder that children **must have long sleeves and long trousers** to be able to go out to forest school. This is part of the forest school risk assessment. If children would like to play in the stream, they **must** have either an all-in-one or waterproof trousers in addition to their wellies.

Communication with staff at the school:
As the children are becoming more independent, we will not be using contact books in Year 2. Class email accounts are now operational and will only be accessed between 8.30am–4:30pm each school day. Teachers will respond within 48 hours. If you have an important 'on the day' message, please call the school office to leave a message for the relevant member of staff or email the school office on office@mereworth.sch.uk.

The Year 2 class email address is: class2@mereworth.kent.sch.uk

If you have any concerns or questions about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me using the class email or make an appointment to have a telephone conversation or meeting after school.

Mrs Benham
Year 2 Class Teacher