



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new year at school! We hope you had a lovely summer with your children and that they are excited to learn lots of new things this coming year! A huge thank you to all of the children and parents for making Miss Cousans feel so welcome in the school community! The children are working hard to help with all of the daily routines, old and new. Below is a break-down of everything that we will be covering and what you need to know for the coming term.

In maths we are developing a new way of approaching mathematics, Convince Me Maths. This will involve much more representation of numbers and adopting a more physical approach to mathematics, in addition to developing thinking skills in order to find solutions to problems by explaining understanding to proving how they have found an answer. We will be covering place value, patterns and calculation problems in the first half of term, followed by mental arithmetic and written methods, shape and measurement in the second half. We will be also focusing on the times tables to aid understanding in maths and the children will be given regular times tables homework to practice these.



In English we have started with some writing of recounts of the summer, focusing on descriptive language, fronted adverbials, conjunctions and time connectives. Later in the half term, we will move onto exploring and rewriting well-known poetry and writing reports. Our writing and other subjects will be, where possible, linked to our topic of the Victorians, with big question being: "Who were the Victorians and what they invent?" Please see the topic web below for more details about what will be covered this term.



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PE will now be on a Wednesday afternoon; we would be very grateful if you could make sure your child has their PE kit with them on this day. Girls will also need to have a soft bobble to tie their hair up for P.E. If your child wears earrings, please could you ensure that they are able to take them out themselves for P.E. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle in to school with them. They can take them home on a Friday to be washed over the weekend and then return them back to school on a Monday. Homework will be given out to the children on a Thursday and needs to be handed in



completed by the following Wednesday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		PE and games kit required	Homework given out (times tables/maths, English)	Spellings handed out/spelling test

The new year brings a renewed focus on reading for pleasure, please ensure that your child reads as much as possible at home in order to help them to progress with their reading. When you hear your child read please could you discuss the characters, events and stories, for fiction books, and check understanding of information for non-fiction books. We would be very grateful if you could sign the planner on each day that your child has read at home and add any helpful comments. Also, a new book will be given when you have signed to say that your child has finished their current book. Weekly spellings will be given on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. We will also be introducing exciting new ways to help your children with their spelling strategies!



Many thanks for all of your help and support. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us or come and see us at school. Thank you and we are looking forward to working with you in the coming year!

Miss Cousans, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Loverock