

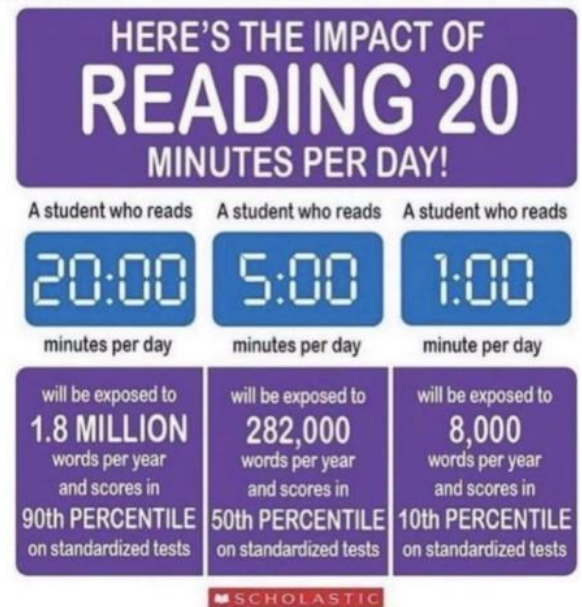
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year and I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. The following details are important for you and your child to familiarise yourselves with. Those children that are in Y6, some expectations/systems have changed slightly so please read the details again.

Reading

The children should all have reading records, which they will need to bring into school on a daily basis. This is very important as Mrs Van Zyl and I will be looking at these throughout the week. On every page there is a 'remarks' section. If there is anything you would like to inform me about your child's reading, e.g. finding the book too easy or hard please write it here and we will respond at some point during the week. Please make sure that any reading you do at home is recorded in the diary so we can celebrate any extra effort your child is putting in with their learning. We ask that children read as regularly as possible with an adult at home. Although most children in Y5&6 are competent readers, the discussion about the text is still very important. As you can see, every minute of reading counts!



PE kit

PE is on a Monday (although this could change depending on the weather) so please ensure school PE kit is always in school and appropriate to the weather. Every Friday afternoon, we will go to Freshwater for swimming sessions for the duration of the Autumn term.

Staff

I will be in the class Monday-Thursday, alongside the support of Mrs Van Zyl (Mon-Thurs). My planning time is on a Thursday afternoon, which Mrs Van Zyl will cover and release children at the end of the school day. Mrs Staple will be teaching the class on Fridays.

Home learning

Home learning will be given out on the same days each week. On Wednesdays, we will give out Maths for it to be handed in the following Wednesday. On Thursdays, we will give out English for it to be handed in the following Thursday. English home learning alternates each week between spelling, punctuation and grammar activities and a written task. If the children bring their home-learning in on time it will be acknowledgement marked by either myself or Mrs Van Zyl. Children also have a spelling log book for their reference to work on the spelling pattern that we are focusing on in school that week. Most weeks there will be results of the 'Speed Spell' in your child's spelling log. This is not to go over those words specifically, but to recap the spelling rule. This book will not be checked by us and is for your reference only. Additional practice is very much encouraged, alongside regular practise of the National Curriculum statutory word list (see inside pack).

I do hope that this letter has answered any questions you may have had. If there are any other queries or questions, please do come and see me.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Varndell-Paulley