



# Sandford Primary School

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Dear Dabinett Parents & Pupils,

Welcome back. We certainly hope you have managed to have a restful summer break and are starting to feel settled in to new school routines. I know I am excited for the year ahead and with such a fantastic class. Below, you can find a brief and useful explanation of various structures, routines and expectations for the coming term. I hope you will all be able to attend our Welcome to Sandford / Dabinett evening on **Thursday 14th September** (further details to follow), where we can help you all to understand what to expect when your child is in Dabinett Class.

## PE

Sessions will be held on **Tuesdays and Fridays** each week. Pupils need to bring their PE kit to school on these days. We appreciate that we are heading towards the autumn and winter so we will welcome **navy tracksuit bottoms/sweatshirt or hoody** to kit when temperatures drop. Can we remind you that PE kit is a white T-shirt and navy shorts with daps or trainers (no football kits, neon colours or other alternatives). I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that some children may be ready to wear antiperspirant deodorant, particularly on PE days. I will leave this to your discretion.

## HOMEWORK

This is a useful part of pupils' home learning, when it helps to reinforce the work we do in class. In Dabinett, pupils have a piece of homework every night, which includes a range of relevant, short and achievable tasks designed to consolidate learning and embed key skills. Each task is expected to be completed to the pupil's highest standard, take no longer than a 15 minute session and is handed in on time every morning to support future learning. Do not spend hours on a homework task: your child should stop after 15 minutes, no matter how much they have completed. Please refer to the schedule below to understand exactly what this should look like.

We will also glue a copy into homework books.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths  <i>10 minute activity covering a range of maths</i>	Reading Workbook  <i>10 minute activity covering a range of questions based on a given text</i>	COMPLETE ON SHEET Maths  <i>Arithmetic questions</i>	Grammar  <i>10 minute activity covering content taught that week OR revision of all aspects</i>	Spelling  <i>Look, cover, write check practice AND application of words</i>

## READING

As part of our BIG READ CAMPAIGN, we expect children to read aloud, **at least 5 days a week**, at home for around 10 minutes. This might fit into your bedtime routine, whilst supper is being prepared or even before coming to school in the morning. Since beginning this campaign at Sandford, we have witnessed a huge increase in reading achievement across the school. Please continue to support this by recording your signature in reading diaries every time your children read – comments need only be made if you feel necessary. Reading diaries are checked and recorded daily. **I understand that this can be difficult for the best of us, especially as your child gets older, so just a page or two aloud would be sufficient then they can read to themselves for the remaining time.** Reading is important for developing language skills, encouraging a thirst for knowledge and enhancing a child's concentration, which are all vital skills.

If any book is lost or damaged, the school will ask for some financial compensation. As in national libraries, we expect all of our school books to be cared for. If you have any of our precious Laureate Books in your homes, please can they be returned as soon as possible?

## SPELLING

Please note that our spelling tests will be held on Thursdays.

## CLASSDOJO

All families have now been given a ClassDojo login and password. This has been such a fabulous school communication platform that enables us to build on our close-knit community, by sharing what's being learned in the classroom through photos, videos and messages.

Thank you for your anticipated support. I look forward to working with you all this academic year. If you should need to speak with me outside of school hours regarding your child's education, please can I ask that you send me a message on ClassDojo or contact the school office by telephone.

Let the year commence!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Angie Stevens



Class 5 Teacher  
Head of School

