



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

We are all looking forward to the first term in our new school and I know your children all have an exciting time in front of them.

We have worked hard over the summer to create an engaging learning environment in the classroom, atrium and around the school and I am sure your children will have a successful year.

Miss Brodie

Literacy

During Term 1 we will undertake a novel study - Fish in Room 11 by Heather Dyer. This will be used as the main reading resource in the classroom.

We will be undertaking a variety of learning activities linked to this book across a range of different subject areas.

We look forward to sharing our learning with you at a later date.

Our main focus within writing will be imaginative writing. We will look at a range of different story types to help us identify the basic story structures before having a go ourselves.

Maths / Numeracy

During the first term our main Numeracy focus will be Number Word Sequences and Numerals.

Within Maths we will be looking at Money.

We will also be continuing to undertake The Daily 4 to ensure the pupils are becoming secure when using mental strategies for the basic 4 operations. Pupils will be encouraged to verbalise and share the strategies they are using.

I have also introduced Times Table Tuesdays to help the pupils become confident when recalling and reciting times table fact and to improve their instant recall.

H&WB

P.E. will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Please can you ensure your child brings a **change of top and trousers / shorts** on these days. Can you also make sure they have a pair of **indoor shoes** to change into each day.

Swimming

We have had a very positive start to our swimming block. The children have been enjoying their time at the pool and are excited about the weeks ahead and looking forward to developing their skills.

We very much appreciated the number of helpers who have volunteered to accompany us on our swimming days.

Homework

Homework will start after the September weekend and will include Numeracy and Literacy homework.

Homework will be issued on a Monday to be returned on a Friday.

Numeracy homework will include opportunities for the pupils to continue to develop their mental strategies for the Daily 4 focussing on basic numeracy skills, and also work that will allow them to consolidate learning that has been taking place in the classroom. Literacy homework will involve spelling and vocabulary work. On occasion there may also be ad hoc project work.