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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a busy and exciting summer term. Please do read this letter carefully as it will provide you with information Windrush students and parents need to know, as well as inform you of some of the activities and topics coming up over the next few months.

Class assembly

You are invited to come and watch Windrush's class assembly next Friday 1st May at 9:00am. The children are very excited to share photos and memories from their trip to Chedworth Roman Villa, as well as the many fascinating Roman facts we learned during our topic lessons.

Literacy

This term, we will be taking inspiration from books such as *'The Butterfly Lion'* by Michael Morpurgo and *'Ellie and the Cat'* by Malorie Blackman, as well as enjoying some poetry. The exciting vocabulary and vivid storytelling found in these texts will help to enrich the students' own writing whilst developing their analytical and comprehension skills. Lessons will concentrate on the teaching of writing with a sharp focus on the craft and construction of sentences.

Spelling

We will continue to look at a variety of high frequency words, spelling rules and common exception words this term. We greatly appreciate your support with practising spellings at home: those from the weekly homework list and the high frequency word list handed out at the most recent parents' evening. If you require another copy of these, please don't hesitate to ask.

Reading

We ask that the children read aloud to an **adult at home** at least **three times a week** and encourage you to discuss the book, ask them questions about what is happening and see if they can make predictions about what might happen next. If your child is a free choice reader, they can choose books from school, home or your local library, but please make sure these are at an appropriate reading level to support your child's development. As a general guide, they should be able to read about 90% of the text unaided, with a 10% challenge margin. Please send your children's current reading book and reading diary into school every day so that we can send home new books when necessary. Please see below for guidance on when books will be changed:

Phonics Bug – please read the whole book three times – the first for decoding, the second for greater fluency and the third for fluency and comprehension.



Oxford Reading Tree Stage 6 and onwards – please read whole book once.

Free choice reading books – please read whole book once.

Maths

Over the two summer terms our units include **Fractions, Money, Shape & Measure and Time**. The children will explore each unit with a mastery approach to develop their mathematical fluency and problem-solving skills. Learning times tables helps children see patterns in numbers and understand how numbers work together, rather than just counting one by one. This strong foundation makes later maths much easier and builds confidence as new concepts become more challenging. We use a fun, engaging online programme called **'Times Table Rockstars'** to help with this important skill; children's login details will be inside their reading diaries so they can access the programme at home.

P.E.

P.E. takes place on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that P.E kits are kept in school at all times. P.E kits should comprise of a blue school t-shirt, navy shorts, a navy sweatshirt, navy tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Spare socks are also useful to have.

Homework

Homework in Windrush consists of maths and spelling activities. These activities are designed to reinforce the objectives your child has been working on in class. Homework is given out on a Friday and should be handed in the following Thursday. Please encourage the children to keep their folders and CGP books safely in their book bags. If your child loses their CGP book, we will need to ask you to purchase a new one. If your child experiences any issues with their homework, please encourage them to come and ask for help from either myself or another member of the Windrush staff team.

Dojo Challenge

Children will continue to receive their dojo points for each piece of homework that is handed in on time; a maximum of 3 points can be achieved every week, one each for reading, spelling and maths.

Show & Tell

We now have a designated 'Show & Tell' session on Thursday afternoons. This is an opportunity for the children to share their achievements, medals, experiences and topic-related items with the rest of Windrush class. Please don't send in toys, unless there is a specific link to one of our topics.

Warm weather

We're optimistic that we shall see some warm, sunny weather this term. If this is the case, please remember to send your child in with a suitable sun hat and apply their sun cream before they come into school. Also, don't forget a full water bottle every day.

We hope that you find this information helpful. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on: office.2103@enstone.oxon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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