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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We are very much looking forward to the Spring Term.

Curriculum:

At Nanpean School, we follow the National Curriculum for each subject. However, this is detailed through a Progression of Skills across all year groups for each subject, and we use this to plan lessons and learning opportunities. A separate Curriculum Overview Sheet is completed for each term and this gives more details about what our class will be covering this term.

PE

Melbur Class will have PE on Monday and Thursday afternoon. On these days, children can still wear their PE kit to school. PE kit must consist of:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with pen).

Outdoor Learning

Although we are no longer following a Recovery Curriculum, we have maintained Outdoor Learning as part of the timetable for each class as this is proven to support childrens mental health and wellbeing, while it also provides opportunities for learning to be taken outside. Our Class Outdoor Learning session will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be using the various outdoor spaces on the school site to support our learning in all areas of the curriculum. On Wednesday, please make sure that your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear due to the wet and/or muddy conditions. Please make sure these are labelled with your childs name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will take part in daily shared reading sessions which focus on fluency and comprehension. There will also be an opportunity for children to quiz during our AR reading sessions, and children are also able to change books at this time if they need to do so. Pupils will have a library slot on Thursday afternoon where they can select a book to bring home that they can read for pleasure and also record in their reading records. New books cannot be taken from the library until the previous book has been returned so please make sure your child brings their library book to school on a Thursday.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

In addition to reading 5 times a week, children will also be set spellings to practise on 'Spelling Shed'. These spellings are the same as the ones we are learning in class and will be shared on Class Dojo as part of our Monday post. We also have subscriptions to Numbots and Timestables Rockstars. Children are familiar with these from their use in school and these can also be used at home if your child wishes to do so. Your childs login details are in their reading record book. There is no set amount of time that you have to spend on this outside of school, but little and often will be of huge benefit and support your childs learning.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend no more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen (TV / PC / Laptop / Tablet / Smartphone, etc…).

Communication – an 'Open Door' Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your childs time in our class. The class teacher will greet the children at the door each morning and the teaching assistant will dismiss at the end of the day where quick messages can be given. If you need to discuss something with us which requires more time, please speak to the office who will contact us. Also, you can use the messaging facility on Class Dojo, as this is a private conversation between the class teacher and the childs parent. However, please be aware that Class Dojo messages will only be checked a couple of times a week. Therefore, urgent things that need our attention should be shared with us on the door or via the office.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Mr Prince, Mrs Miskowicz and Mrs Varney
Melbur Class Team