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Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Staff:

Our classroom staff comprise of Mrs Jago, Mrs Varney and Mrs Miskowicz. Mrs Jago is the full time class teacher in Drinnick Class, however, on Tuesday afternoons Mrs Jago has her PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time and this is when Mrs Miskowicz (HLTA) will join Year 5 for class cover. Mrs Varney (TA) will work with our class during the mornings, Tuesday – Friday, and completes intervention programmes during afternoon sessions.

Class Dojo:

Class Dojo will be used to give messages about things happening in our class and in school. You can use the messaging facility on Class Dojo, as this is a private conversation between the class teacher and the child's parent. However, please be aware that Class Dojo messages are not always checked every day. Therefore, urgent things that need our attention should be shared with us on the door or via the office.

Curriculum:

At Nanpean School, we follow the National Curriculum for each subject. 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:

Drinnick Class will have PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. 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
- Black 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

Outdoor Learning is part of the weekly timetable for each class as this is proven to support children's mental health and wellbeing, while it also provides opportunities for learning to be taken outside. Our Class Outdoor Learning session will vary each week depending on which subject we are doing outside.

This will be communicated with you in advance via Class Dojo. On these days, 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 child's name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Reading Comprehension sessions. Upon completing their book, children should also be completing a quiz on **Accelerated Reader (AR)**. These quizzes need to be completed at home (maximum of 3 quizzes per week) by following this link:

<https://ukhosted47.renlearn.co.uk/2234793/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3SQLFnOLwmdca/wK5MR9TG0CZ1qv0cCeii3ImZouqksDHLiEE99hy-sP6w>

The above link will be regularly posted on our Class Dojo weekly messages and if you are having problems accessing the link, please speak to Mrs Jago on the door at drop-off. Pupils will have a library slot on Tuesday afternoons where they can select a book to bring home to read for pleasure. Please also record these reads in their reading records. New books cannot be taken from the library until the previous book has been returned, so please make sure pupils bring both their reading and library books every day. This is particularly important on a Tuesday (due to our class library slot).

Reading records will be checked on a Tuesday. 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:

SPELLING SHED & TIMES TABLE ROCK

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In addition to reading 5 times a week, children will also be set spellings to practise on the 'Spelling Shed' website: <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login> 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 a subscription to Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS): <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> Children are familiar with these websites from their use in school and these can also be accessed online at home. In Year 4, your child completed the statutory Multiplication Table Check (MTC) assessment which is line with the end of Year 4 requirement that children know all multiplication facts up to x12. **To maintain progress, it is vital that this practice continues.** Your child's login details are in their reading record book. As part of our weekly Celebration Assembly, children who access TTRS and progress to a new 'Rock Status' will receive a certificate to reward their commitment to learning. We also share the Overall Leaderboard and celebrate achievements in such an essential skill within Maths. Since these facts impact several strands of Maths learning, we would strongly recommend that regular, consistent practise takes place at home. The more children practise multiplication facts, the more likely they are to retain and increase their rapid recall of times tables.

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 child's 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 child's 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.

Mrs Jago, Mrs Varney & Mrs Miskowicz
Drinnick Class Team

