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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and are ready to start your child's final year at Mandeville.

Staff

Mrs Bishop and I will be teaching the class throughout the year. Mrs Bishop will be the class teacher on a Monday and I will be teaching the class from Tuesday to Friday.

Curriculum

English

English sessions are split into reading, writing and spelling. I will be teaching all English writing sessions throughout the week. This will mean that the children will have two English lessons on one day in the week.

Spelling sessions will focus on the Year 5/6 word lists and spellings that follow a set rule. Each week the children will be given 20 spellings: 5 from the Year 5/6 word list and 15 that fit the rule. These will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday. It is extremely important that the children try not to just learn the spellings but to also learn the rules that have been set so that they can apply their spelling rules in writing lessons. They will focus on the Year 5/6 spelling words on a Monday with Mrs Bishop.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions. They will be accessing both whole texts, as well as extracts.

This term, the children will be completing both fiction and non-fiction units of work in their writing sessions; many of these will be based on texts which will be read in class.

Mathematics

Mathematics is split into three sessions: arithmetic, fluency and targeting learning. Fluency and arithmetic sessions will encourage children to practise skills that they need to be able to apply in every-day mathematics lessons. These will include the formal written methods, times tables and number bonds.

There will be 5 mathematics sessions a week. Mrs Bishop will teach two mathematics sessions on a Monday. The three other sessions will take place throughout the rest of the week.

Throughout this term, we will be investigating number and place value, the four operations, fractions (including decimals and percentages) and geometry.

Science

This term, Mrs Bishop will be teaching the human circulatory system and evolution and inheritance.

Foundation subjects

This half term, our humanities topic will be geography. The children will be focusing on population changes. Next half term, the children will focus on history, where they will be learning about the census. PE will be taught on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure that children bring in their full Mandeville PE kits on these days. This term, the children will be practising their skills in athletics, tag rugby and dance.

Daily Routine

The bell is rung at 8.40, when the children should make their way onto KS2 playground and line up in their spaces. Morning arithmetic is provided for the children to practise their skills.

Lessons end at 3.15pm. Please ensure that, if you would like your child to leave the school premises without an adult present, you have let the office know so that they can store this information. The same should be applied if your child is being collected by another person.

Expectations

Uniform

The children must wear the Mandeville school uniform and bring in the correct PE kit. Please ensure that all clothing is named and that your child's P.E kit is in school every day. Trainers are also required for outside PE lessons and we would encourage the use of tracksuit bottoms and jumpers, as the weather becomes colder. For girls who wear tights, please also provide a pair of socks. The children must have long hair tied back in a simple band and earrings must be removed or taped (please provide plasters/micropore) for health and safety reasons. Earrings should be a plain stud. Your child may be asked to remove their earrings if this is not the case.

Girls

White polo shirt with school crest (preferred)

Red round necked sweatshirt or cardigan with school crest

Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

Plain red or grey tights or white or grey socks

PE

Black shorts with school crest

Red round necked t-shirt with school crest (preferred)

Trainers

Black tracksuit bottoms and top if required

Boys

White polo shirt with school crest (preferred)

Red round necked sweatshirt with school crest

Grey trousers

Plain grey socks

Black shorts with school crest

Red round necked t-shirt with school crest (preferred)

Trainers

Black tracksuit bottoms and top if required

In class

In class, we have very high expectations of behaviour in order to maximise the happiness and learning of all of the children. The children will also be expected to work hard and organise themselves efficiently; this includes having the necessary equipment with them. We are encouraging neat, well presented work in class with a large emphasis on cursive handwriting, as this is one of the standards set by the government to achieve age related expectation in writing. Children are allowed to bring in one pencil case which can be used but equipment will be provided for all children. We would appreciate if you could speak to your child about respecting these. All individual pencil cases are the children's responsibility.

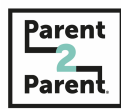
Hometime

When your child arrives in school in the morning, they should make their way onto the Ks2 playground. A small reminder that no parents or carers should come onto this playground but, if an appointment is needed to see me, a meeting can be arranged with the school office; this allows the mornings to start promptly.

Children in Year 6 are able to walk home by independently if you have given them permission to do so.

Mobile Phones

As children are able to walk home by themselves, mobile phones are allowed to be brought into school to support their safety before and after school. All mobile phones must be turned off when children enter the school premises and should only be turned on again when they are leaving the school premises. All mobile phones must be handed to the class teacher when the children enter the classroom. They will be stored in a locked drawer in the classroom.



Snacks and Drinks

The children in Key Stage 2 need to bring in their own snack. The school's policy is that either fruit or vegetables can be brought into school. This does not include fruit winders or cereal bars. Bottles filled with water are highly recommended and the children have access to these during the day. Please ensure that these are labelled. It is your child's responsibility to clean and refill their water bottle.

Health and Cleanliness

As your child enters their final year at Mandeville, they are likely to begin to see changes in their body. Please ensure that your child is bathing regularly and is wearing clean uniform. If you feel that your child needs to use deodorant, then please apply this before school. To maximise learning and engagement, please make sure that your child has enough sleep throughout the night.

Homework

Children are expected to read at home at least 5 evenings a week. This broadens their vocabulary and has a huge impact on their writing style and skills. Although children do not need to read to an adult every night, it is important that they do this at least three times a week to ensure that fluency and understanding are secure. Parents should sign every night that their child reads. We may contact you if this is not happening.

Guided reading and comprehension sessions will also be recorded in your child's reading record. Every child will also have a spelling book. Both will need to be in school every day and taken home every evening.

Homework will not be sent as a paper copy but will be posted on Google Classroom.

This term, homework will take the following forms:

- **Reading** - we are encouraging children to share and enjoy a text with an adult every day. This does not have to take the form of a reading book. It can include sharing a book together, being read to, or reading generally in everyday life.
- **Mathematics** – this will include a task set on MyMaths. You can find your child's login details on the front of their spelling book.
- **Spellings** – spellings will be given out every week for children to learn and practice. On a Friday, children will be given a spelling test before the next set of spellings are given out. Children will also need to practice the Year 5/6 spelling words.

Occasionally, there may be extra pieces set or work to complete and the children will be notified of this as and when they occur. Unfinished work within lessons may also be sent home for completion. Please note that homework may change after this half term and will increase in the Spring and Summer terms. If for any reason your child does not understand their tasks, it is very important they come and speak to me about it. I will be available at the beginning of lunchtime every day for children to ask any questions related to any of the work that has been set.

Visits/Visitors

We have a very exciting term ahead of us. I have booked a trip linked to our art topic to the William Morris Museum. More details will be sent out about this soon.

How you can support at home

Below are some websites that may help to support to your child at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=20>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=29>
<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>
<http://thinkingblocks.com/>
<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>
<http://mathsticks.com/my/>
<http://nrich.maths.org/primary-lower>

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/maths-owl/fun-activities/age-7-9--5>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Woodlands%20Junior%20School&pid=1>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/>

<http://www.theguardian.com/books/series/building-a-children-s-library>

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk>

Encouraging your child to read widely and to complete their homework is the best help you can give your child. At this end of the school, we would recommend the children 'have a go' at their homework.

There are many educational visits that would support your child's learning; these could be to the theatre, which may inspire their writing, to the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum. Taking your child to the local library can also support children and vary their interests in a range of topics.

Playing games with your children is still vital as this age. Games such as Scrabble, Boggle, Pass the Bomb, Monopoly, Game of Life, Ingenious, Blocker, Traffic Jam and card games will all support your child's literacy, maths and logical/strategic thinking learning.

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, either now or in the future, please don't hesitate to ask me. I am looking forward to taking your child through their final year at Mandeville.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Miss A Braund and Mrs J Bishop
Year 6 class teachers

