



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Derwent class! I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children throughout the year. I wanted to give you some information about our routines.

Reading books

In Key Stage two, it is expected for your child to read for at least 10-15 minutes a night. Frequent reading sessions at home with a parent is key to a child's success in reading, but also in many other areas of the curriculum. It is important that you comment in the reading diaries at least five times a week (with your child writing in daily when they have read). Please include the date and page number reached.

Spellings

Spellings will be handed out each Friday, and then tested on them the following Friday. They will also be available on Spelling Shed. It is important that your child practises the spellings each week as much as possible at home. Our first spelling test will be on Friday 15th September.

Homework

Your child will be given a homework book and a weekly task to complete that will support their learning in class that week. Homework will be given on a Monday and to be completed and returned to school the following Monday. As always, please ensure work is dated and only pencil used to help with presentation. Any loose sheets are to be stuck in with glue or Sellotape.

PE

This half term, PE lessons will take place on Mondays (for all Derwent pupils) and Fridays (for Year 5 pupils). Children should come to school in their PE kit for both sessions. During the colder months, the children can wear plain navy or black jogging bottoms. A reminder that earrings cannot be worn for PE and should not be worn on PE days as Teaching Staff are not permitted to remove them. Year 4 pupils will go swimming on Friday mornings instead of having their PE session in school. A separate letter has been sent regarding swimming.

Water bottles

Children can bring a water bottle into school so that they can have a drink throughout the day. Please can you ensure their bottles are named and only water, no juice, is allowed in the bottles. The water bottles need to be taken home every night.

Snacks

Our school snack policy remains the same – pupils can bring in fruit or vegetables Monday to Thursday and then Friday is our 'treat' day where children can bring in crisps or a cereal bar.

If you need to speak to me at any time, please contact the school office.

Many thanks,
Miss Etchells



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