

Edgar Sewter Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! We hope you had a lovely break over the summer. This letter will let you know what we will be covering this term. It will also help you to help your child be organised and ready to learn.

Topic:

Our topic this term is "Water, water everywhere!" We will cover 'rivers' in geography and in part of our science as well as linking The Amazon River to our literacy lessons. Any research on this topic at home would be helpful for your child and will be shared with their class or group.

Science: The main topics this term are 'Living things and their habitats' which ties in with our rivers work (see above). We will be learning about animals and plants and what they need to survive as well as ecosystems.

A fantastic way of helping your child gain knowledge of the above subjects would be to visit your local library and borrow appropriate books. This would give your child a good foundation on which to build.

THE LIBRARY IS FREE TO JOIN AND YOU CAN BORROW UP TO 20 BOOKS AT A TIME!

Also, if you have access to the internet, there are many fantastic websites you could visit together, including BBC bitesize and Woodlands Junior. Use Google to enter key words and get exploring!

Some reminders:

PE - Every child needs a full PE kit in school, including a spare pair of socks and a pair of trainers. Reminder: your child needs a plain white top. Please see the school website for reference.

5R PE days are Tuesday and Friday

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It is best to bring the kit in and leave it at school for the whole week, just in case we have an impromptu PE activity.

Reading:



As last year, we expect children to read to themselves or an adult at least 3 times a week for a minimum of 15 minutes. **An adult should then sign and date the reading records/homework diary.** We teach reading at school though whole class texts where texts are linked to writing lessons and discussed at length. We have created many new cosy corners for reading in our school - year 5/6 even have sofas and a coffee table! We encourage a love of reading and reading for pleasure.

Water bottles:

Children are allowed a water bottle at school. This should **ONLY** contain still, unflavoured water and be in a clear, leak-proof bottle.

Snacks:

Please see the app for information about what your child can bring in for a snack.

Uniform:

Please make sure your child is wearing correct school uniform. Again, see the school website for reference. **This includes sensible, smart black shoes.**

Homework:

Literacy:

- **Spellings** - A set of spellings will be sent home every week to be learnt by the following week's test - please check your child's bag for a small spelling book! Watch this space for upcoming information about an interactive spelling programme which will help your child learn their spellings.
- **Reading** - at least 3 days a week (more if possible!).
- **Grammar** - your child may bring home some grammar homework to revise important skills now they are in Upper Key Stage 2.

Numeracy - Children are expected to practise their times tables on a regular basis. In addition, each child will soon be given a Mymaths login for online maths homework set by their teacher.

PLEASE NOTE: if your child has been allocated a Maths Whizz licence, they are expected to complete a minimum of 30 minutes a week.

Please support your child with their homework. Ask your child what they have learnt at school and ask them to **SHOW YOU** how to do it and why.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. If parents, children and the school can work together as a team, then progress and learning is faster and more effective.

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