

September 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone! We are really looking forward to this year, and we would also like to welcome Max to Year 4.

To enable the children to settle into the new year, please find below some general information to aid a smooth start to the term.

Forest Schools

Year 3 and Year 4 will be taking part in **Forest Schools activities on a Tuesday**. The children can come to school in their **PE kit**. Each week please ensure that your child brings a warm/waterproof coat, gloves, waterproof trousers, and wellies/appropriate footwear for the outdoor learning. We have a storage box outside the classroom for wellies, so the children are welcome to keep this in school rather than taking their wellies home each week.

If you can help out at any of the Forest Schools sessions (Tuesday afternoons 1.00-3.30pm), please send an email to Mrs. Williams: admin@adlington.ht.school with the dates that you are available.

PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school on these days. **Swimming lessons** have been timetabled for the class on a Friday afternoon. The first swimming lesson will begin on Friday 11th September. The children will bring their swimming costume and towel to school in a separate waterproof bag. Please note that the children are not advised to wear goggles unless there is a medical reason.

We are also looking for volunteers to accompany the swimming sessions. If you are available to help (1.30-3.00pm on Fridays), please send an email to Mrs. Williams with the dates that you are available during the autumn term, and Mrs. Williams will then circulate a rota.

Reading books

Within the next few days, your child will bring home a KS2 Reading Journal. Each time your child reads they should write in the date and the pages read. Please then add a comment about their reading. When a book has been completed, your child will be asked to write a short review of it in their journal. **Books and reading journals should be brought into school every day**.

Messages

Please use this reading journal as a method of home/school communication if you have any messages for us. If you have any concerns or something you would like to discuss, please feel free to speak to us before school (8.45-8.54am. Please note that we need to be in class at 8.55am to take the register and start the first lesson of the day, so if a longer discussion is needed, please make an appointment for after the end of the school day.

Homework

Please find below details of the homework your child will receive this year. This is in line with the school's Homework Policy.

Maths
Maths homework will be set on alternate weeks for completion by the following week. This is most likely to be a task set on Mirodo, linked with our learning in class. Mirodo is an online resource, and more details will follow. The children can complete any working out/jottings in their Maths Homework book which will be reviewed regularly.

Times Tables
Over the next few weeks, your child will be allocated a set of times tables to learn. Each week, we shall have a quick, timed test on a mixture of multiplication and related division questions. Not only will this regular practise increase fluency within Maths lessons, but it will prepare the children for a statutory assessment at the end of Year 4 when they will be required to have rapid recall of all the times tables facts up to 12 x 12. Please remember to use **Times Table Rock Stars** for practise. Regular battles will be organised.

English
English homework will be set on alternate weeks for completion by the following week. This is most likely to be a task set on Mirodo, linked with our learning in class. The children can complete any writing/planning in their English Homework book which will be reviewed regularly.

Spellings
A list of words will be set each week. These words may come from the Year 3/4 statutory spelling list, spelling patterns we are working on in school, common errors within the class or vocabulary from our topic/Science work.

Reading
Children should continue to spend a minimum of **15 minutes reading** their book aloud to an adult.

For the **first two weeks** of term, homework will only be reading each night as the children settle into their new routines and timetable. We will be hosting a 'Meet the Teacher' information session during the week beginning the 21st September, and during this meeting we will discuss the homework in further detail.

Home time
For KS2 children, the school day ends at 3.30 pm. You will need to collect your child from the field gate. Please can we ask that you are stationed close to the gate, so that you are visible, and we can ensure a safe handover of your child/children. If you have arranged for someone other than yourself to collect your child, please let me know in advance, either a quick word at the start of the day or a note in your child's reading journal.

As always, please do not hesitate to come and speak with us if you have any questions or worries– we would much rather hear your views and concerns as soon as they crop up so that we can address them quickly and ensure that you are informed of the correct information. Feel free to write a message in your child's reading journal if that is more convenient.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. We look forward to working in partnership with you and a happy and successful year with the children.

Best wishes.

Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Swinson