Marldon C of E Primary School

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Within the love of God, working together, growing together, for all to flourish.

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn term and Neptune Class. I hope you have had a fabulous summer and are feeling refreshed for the new academic year. It is great to welcome all of the children back into school and I'm sure that they will settle into their new routines quickly.

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering this term.

Timetable

As you are aware, Mrs North will be the main teacher in Year 5, working on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday mornings will be covered by Mrs Clements. Mrs Marles will be teaching the class on a Wednesday afternoon and for one hour on a Thursday afternoon.

Arrival and end of day at school

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school gates open at 8:50am with registration starting at 9.00am and the end of day is 3:30pm. In order to encourage the children's independence in organising their belongings and in communicating messages, we would ask you to encourage them to enter from the playground independently. A member of staff will be at the Year 5 door and will be happy to pass on urgent messages. I would also request that you ensure your child arrives promptly so they are settled and ready for the day.

Allergies

A reminder that nuts are not allowed in school.

Homework

All homework will be set on Google classrooms on a Friday and needs to be completed by the following Thursday.

The following tasks will be set each week:

- **Spellings** – The children will each have a list of spellings to learn on a weekly basis included in their homework. The children will be tested on these spellings in school on a Friday afternoon. The children will need to practise these spellings at home in preparation for this. These will be set either on Google Classroom or on Spelling Frame.
- **English and maths-** Either a piece of English **or** maths will be set each week. Maths will either be an activity related to their current learning or a mental arithmetic based activity. English will be a grammar based activity.
- **Reading** – This should be on a daily basis. If your child reads independently at home, please encourage them to discuss their reading with you so you can check their understanding. Please also try to listen to your child read regularly so you can check their fluency and expression. The children are able to

record in their own reading records. We will continue to monitor reading through Accelerated Reader, where the children will take a quiz on each book they have read. Please ensure your child brings their book into school every day. Children are expected to change their own books during school time- our allotted library time is on a Friday afternoon.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform, including black school shoes, with all items being clearly labelled. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Children with long hair should wear it tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. If your child is unable to wear full uniform for any reason, please do let us know.

P.E

Please ensure that your child comes into school in their proper PE kit on our PE days. For the Autumn term these will be a Monday and a Friday. Later on in the Autumn Term we will be attending swimming lessons. Further information about this will come out nearer to the time.

Kit List:

- Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.

- A jumper

- Trainers or plimsolls

(A dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months)

Book Club

On Friday afternoons during our whole class reading session, we will be continuing to carry out "Book Club" with the children. The aim of Book Club is to involve children in sharing a book that they have enjoyed reading with their peers. This could be a story, a poetry anthology, a graphic-novel, a non-fiction book or any other book that they have enjoyed. They might choose to share a book they have found in school, or one that they have at home. I will select and tick off children on a weekly basis so that each child has the opportunity to bring a book when they would like to. All children will be expected to share 2 books throughout the year.

Medical issues

If your child needs medicine administering, please see the office and complete a form.

Thank you for continued support, I really am looking forward to an exciting and productive year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs North