Welcome to a new academic year and an exciting new key stage for the children. Hopefully you will all have had an enjoyable summer and will be ready for the new school year! We are looking forward to getting to know the children and covering some very interesting topics. This year, Mrs White will be the Teaching Assistant in the mornings, Mrs Sharkey will be teaching French and Ms Taylor teaching Art and RE on Thursday afternoons.

We look forward to an enjoyable and action-packed term!

Ms Parker

**English**

We will be exploring persuasive writing and letters, linked to our History topic and EE project, and will be reading and writing shape poetry and calligrams. We will learn to write longer narratives through the ‘Myths and Legends’ genre. Spellings will be taught weekly, with a spelling test once each week.

**Homework**

Maths and English

Children will be given Maths and English homework on Wednesdays, to be handed in by the following Monday. This may be in the form of an activity sheet, game or investigation. Occasionally, they may get homework to support another subject instead.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on Mondays and children will be expected to practise them throughout the week for a test or other assessment on Friday. Children will be taught lots of strategies to help them learn their spellings and they will be encouraged to check accuracy of these words in their writing.

**Computing**

The sessions will be linked to our other curriculum work this term to make it more meaningful for the children. We will be looking at combining text and graphics as well as internet safety and using ‘Scratch’.

**P4C/PSHE/Rights Respecting School**

Children will be increasing their level of independent thinking both in terms of their own learning as well as the environment around them. We will be focusing on listening and teamwork skills, being positive, and respecting our environment.

**Enabling Enterprise**

‘Trash to Treasure’ encourages problem solving, teamwork and organisation. Please collect ‘junk’ to be used to make toys from recycled materials.

**Art/DT**

In Art, we will be using clay, pastels, pencils and paints, exploring proportion and techniques such as trace and draw. We will be looking at the paintings of Paolo Ucello. In DT, we will create an eco-toy to link to Enabling Enterprise.

**PE**

We will be learning gymnastic and tennis skills. The children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kits, this term. We will also go swimming throughout the year on Tuesday afternoons.

**R.E./Music**

We will be learning about the Christian Church through festivals and understanding worship. In music, we will be developing our knowledge of the 8 elements of music, singing and listening to various genres and composers.

**Français**

Children will listen attentively to spoken French and understand classroom instructions and learn numbers and colours through songs and rhymes. They will link the spellings, sounds and meanings of words.

**Homework diaries**

Homework diaries are used to record reading and to inform you about events and expectations. Please sign the diary each week. If you need to write a message in the diary, please remind your child to show it to us on the day it was written. We check and sign their diaries on their group reading day.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled PE kit in school at all times and a plastic or metal water bottle, that does not leak.

Children should only go to the toilet during playtimes and once in the afternoon. If your child requires more frequent trips to the toilet, please send in a note so that we can make allowances for this.