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Franklin Class Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school after the summer holidays. I hope you all had a very enjoyable break and managed to spend some relaxing time in the sunshine. For those of you who do not know, my name is Mrs Bassett, the class teacher in Franklin Class, and I am really looking forward to working with you and your child this academic year. Mrs Searle will be working alongside me as a higher-level teaching assistant and she will be supporting the children in all areas of their learning. We will also have the support of Mrs Evans who will be working in Franklin Class every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning as our intervention support teacher. I just wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of a few things that will be important this term.

PE

This half term, our usual PE days will be **Mondays and Fridays**, however, there will sometimes be extra activities on top of these days where the children will need to wear their PE kit. For this reason, please ensure that PE kits are in school every day. Children's PE kits should include a blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts and black daps. During the winter months, children may also bring blue or black joggers to wear outside. Any child who took part in the playground leader scheme last year are also allowed to wear their Inspired Leader kit as part of their PE kit this year. As always, hair needs to be tied back and all earrings need to be removed for PE. Due to our school policy, I am unable to remove earrings or place plasters over them for safety reasons so I would encourage children to remove earrings before the school day.

In addition to our PE day, Franklin Class will be going swimming during the first half of the Autumn Term with our first lesson taking place on Wednesday 9th September. Please ensure your child has a full swimming kit on swimming days including a swimming costume or swimming trunks, a towel and swimming goggles.

Medical Conditions and Dietary Requirements

If there have been any changes to your children's medical conditions or dietary requirements, please ensure that this information is updated with the school office as soon as possible.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used in school by the children, and we would encourage all children to leave them at home. However, we are aware that there are many children who walk to and from school by themselves and may need to bring their mobile phone to school to ensure communication can be made with parents outside of the school day. If a child must bring their phone into school, it must be handed into the school office or a member of staff in the classroom.

Attendance and Daytime Routines

Children in Franklin Class will be able to arrive at school between **8:40am and 8:50am** and they can come into school using the **stairwell door nearest the nursery**. The end of the school day is at **3:20pm** and your child can be collected from the **stairwell door nearest the nursery.** Please note this is the same door as the children used in year 5. As always, it is expected that children to attend school every day possible, arriving on time for the start of the school day. If your child is ill, please ensure you let the school office know by 8:45am at the latest.

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Homework

As your child is now in Year 6, their homework will be slightly different from previous years, and we would appreciate your support with encouraging your children to complete their homework on time and to the best of their ability. **Homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to be handed in, completed, by the following Thursday.** This ensures that there is plenty of time for children to seek support from an adult in school if they are finding their homework challenging. In addition, I will be running a homework support club every Monday lunchtime from 12pm-12:30pm for any child to come and ask for help or just use this time to complete a task. Homework is compulsory and will need to be completed at lunchtime if not completed.

For their homework, the children will be given three separate workbooks, one for maths, one for reading and one for English. Initially, the children will need to **complete one page from each book** every week and this will build up over the year. They will be given a schedule of which pages are due to be completed for the whole half term. Children will also be given a spelling list to learn which they will bring home in their reading record.

Reading Rainbow

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. It will be expected that every child reads at least **five times a week**. This will need to be recorded in their reading journal and signed by a grown up at home. The children will be able to move up our 'Reading Rainbow' to earn team points and win prizes. This will also contribute to earning reading certificates as part of celebration assembly.

The Curriculum

This year, we will be learning about a variety of new and engaging topics across the whole curriculum that I believe the children are going to really enjoy. Each term, you will be informed of the new areas that the children will be studying. Here is an overview of our Autumn Term learning:

Maths	Place Value, Four Operations and Fractions
English	Tragedy Narratives and Instructions (HT1) Myths and Non-Chronological reports (HT2)
Science	Animals including Humans (HT1) Evolution and Inheritance (HT2)
RE	What is the best way for a Sanatani to show commitment to God?
JIGSAW	Being Me in My World (HT1) and Celebrating Difference (HT2)
PE	Real PE: Personal; Swimming (HT1) Real PE: Social; Dance and Tag Rugby (HT2)
Topic	What are the Earth's six major biomes? (Geography, HT1) Why do we remember the Ancient Mayan civilisation? (History HT2)

Over this term we have many exciting opportunities to look forward to as a class including our own 'Come Dine with Me' in DT and creating our Biomes in a Box as part of our geography learning. There will be an opportunity for you to attend a curriculum information meeting. This will take place on **Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 2:50pm**. I will be able to talk to you in more detail about what we will cover in the curriculum this year and how it will be taught to your children.

Finally, if you ever have concerns or wish to talk to me about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me. I will be available to speak to at the end of each day. In addition, you can leave a message with a member of staff on the door in the morning, and they will be able to pass it on. I am really excited for the term ahead and would like to thank you in advance for all your support over the year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bassett
Franklin Class Teacher

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 9th September – Year 6 Swimming begins
Wednesday 9th September – Year 6 Curriculum Meeting at 2:50pm
Friday 2nd October – Flu Vaccinations
Monday 12th – Friday 16th October – Multicultural Creativity Week
Tuesday 13th October – Biome in a Box Parent Workshop at 9am in hall
Friday 16th October – Multicultural Creativity Week Parade at 2:45pm
Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term
Tuesday 10th November and Wednesday 11th November – Parents Evening
Thursday 5th November – School Photos
Friday 13th November – INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 9th December – Mayan Mask Parent Workshop at 2:30pm in hall
Thursday 10th December – PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas Concert at 9:20am
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Party
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January – Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January – Return to school