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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting year. I hope you've all had a lovely summer and spent time together with family and friends.

I would like to outline how we will be doing some things this academic year.

Lunchtimes

We have changed our lunchtimes to 12:00 – 12:50pm to extend the teaching and learning across the school day. The children will continue to have two sittings and we will of course make sure they have time for their lunch. We are using this additional time for Accelerated Reading and teaching foundation subjects.

Afternoon Teaching

In an afternoon we are changing the way we deliver some of our subjects. Through extensive research we are trialling for a year a new system. Teachers from Y1-6 will deliver two subjects each across the school every afternoon. For example, this will mean that your child will have one teacher teaching history for part of the afternoon and then another teacher teaching art. Teachers are excited about the system we are trialling; please bear with us as we may have some teething problems to start!

Your child's class teacher will still do a story at the end of the day and see their class out.

Seesaw

We need to ensure everyone has access to Seesaw as this is the way teachers will communicate with their classes. We were all really good at logging on to Seesaw during lockdown and we need to ask you all to do the same again so you can be kept up-to-date. We will send new QR codes out to everyone to sign up. If you have any issues please speak to your child's class teacher.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher then please contact them at the start or end of the day (if it's a quick chat), telephone school and leave a message with the office or send an email to the office, who will then pass it on. Unfortunately like most things since the pandemic, we are all easily accessible and we need to ensure staff work life balance so they don't receive Seesaw notifications late at night or early in the morning. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Newsletters and communication

We are going to try a new way of sending newsletters out on 'Sway' – you will still receive this by email but it will be read differently. You **MUST** check your emails regularly as this is the way we will be communicating with you from school. This week we have had trouble sending the link so it will be sent as PDF – we hope to send it via Sway next week.



Homework

This year we are having a focus on reading as our homework. We are not asking you to complete anything else at home with your child; if you would like to do additional work there are many books that can be bought at newsagents and craft shops that you could use.

Reading is fundamental to a child's education and by them learning to read, and becoming a more fluent and knowledgeable reader, it opens up many doors for them. It is important that you listen to your child read at home a minimum of five times a week, but it also equally important that you read to them.

We will have more information about this in the near future, but we appreciate your support with ensuring your child is achieving their best by you listening to them read.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Peers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs T Peers
Headteacher