



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break, and a Happy New Year to you and your family. I am really excited about this term's learning. Please take some time to read the information in this letter as it outlines some detail for the year ahead.

### Spellings

Children will continue to receive spellings each Friday. There are number of ways to practise spellings; look/say/cover/write/check, segmenting and blending or even creating a mnemonic for a word. They will then be tested on these spellings on the following **Friday**. These spellings will be based on the year 5/6 spelling lists and any spelling patterns that we are working on in class.

### Reading

The children will be reading individually/in pairs/in groups/with an adult in class each day. Added to this, they will also have an individual school book. They will be expected to read at home and it is recommended that children read for 20 minutes a night. This will massively help their comprehension and fluency. They will then be asked to record this in their home/school journal.

### PE

The children will continue to have PE on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. It is important that they have their indoor kit (t-shirt, shorts, trainers and socks) and their outside kit (jumper, jogging bottoms) in school all week. Swimming sessions have now finished.

### SATs

We are waiting for the latest guidance from the DfE regarding Year 6 SATs. We will be holding a meeting (virtual or in person) to update you all on the current stipulations and requirements. Please look out for communication on this in the coming weeks.

### Homework

The children will also be given additional homework/SATs preparation most Fridays. This is work to be completed at home, to be returned the following Thursday. The homework will always be based on work being undertaken in class. If you have any queries about the level of challenge, please contact me.

### Contact

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's learning, please contact me via the class email address: [chestnut@mendleshamschool.org.uk](mailto:chestnut@mendleshamschool.org.uk) – I will endeavour to check this email address each day. All other queries can be sent to the office: [admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk)

Kind regards  
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