



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! Firstly, I want to thank you for the generous gifts I received at the end of the last school year. I am thrilled to be teaching your children again this year and am looking forward to what the new school year has ahead for us! It has been lovely to see the children again after the break and I have been very impressed with the positive and enthusiastic attitude that they have begun the term with!

This year, we welcome back Mr Barclay as our new UKS2 teaching assistant and we are also supported by Mrs Stubbs for maths! Ms Brooman will continue to support the class, usually on a Wednesday morning.

Attached to this letter is our learning journey information for this term. We ask that you will work with your child and support your child at home by helping them with their home learning (Fridays), reading (at least 3x a week) and takeaway tasks (termly). If you have any questions or would like to know more about our work this term, please do not hesitate to ask. This term our learning journey is centred around discovering more about what Brighton was like during WW2, as well as some of the key events of the war on a wider scale. It would be great for you to share any knowledge or family history with the children to broaden their knowledge and support their learning around the subject area.

PE

PE for this term is on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. We expect children to wear their PE kits to school on the relevant days and do ask that they wear suitable footwear to school to enable them to safely take part in PE outdoors. As PE lead, I will be trailing a Daily Mile style of daily physical activity with the class to help increase the amount of time children are active. Children are still able to wear school uniform for this.

Home learning

Home learning will be sent home on a **Friday** and will consist of spellings and a maths task. I will be checking to see if pupils are engaging with this over the course of the week. We will spend time as a class going over the answers, so it is important that home learning is completed and handed in to enable us to do this. There will be weekly spelling tests so really encourage your child to try to learn them!

You will also find a 'take away' task on the curriculum map. This is a creative task linked to our topic. These are designed to be completed over a number of weeks and should be brought in to share as and when they are ready.

Reading

Reading with or to your child on a daily basis is **extremely important**. It helps to support your child's writing and is a fantastic way for children to develop their confidence and enjoyment for reading. Please make sure that your child either reads to you, you read to them or they read on their own on a daily basis. Reading records and books are to be sent home shortly and should come back to school to be checked, with home learning, on Fridays.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out, either at the end of the day or through the office.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Stillwell.