



BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Ms F Alder BA(Hons), PGCE, NPQH, MBA

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Dear UKS2 families,

We hope everyone enjoyed a fantastic summer break. The pupils have returned to school eager and ready to learn and, personally, I and Miss Cowdell have enjoyed a great welcome from all the pupils here. Welcome to the new and returning families who have also joined us at Bearwood! We are very much looking forward to guiding our classes this year, and your anticipated support is much appreciated.

We hope you found the UKS2 presentation useful; this will be sent out to all families with this letter in case you were unable to attend. Please find below some important points mentioned in the presentation:

Homework

All children are expected to:

- Read every day for 20 minutes. They should record the books they are reading in their home/school reading book. Reading is the most important activity to further your child's learning journey so please prioritise this!
- Complete the set Spelling Shed activities 3 times a week. These include spelling and grammar exercises.
- Complete set tasks on either Mathematics or Times Tables Rock Stars 3 times a week.

In addition, all pupils are encouraged to complete activities from their optional homework grid this term - please see this attached. It would be wonderful to allow pupils the opportunity to share this with the rest of the class over the term!

PE

For Badger class (Y5), PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

For Otter (Y5/6) and Grey Wolf (Y6) classes, PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please ensure you send your child in to school wearing the correct PE kit appropriate for the weather that day (usually plain navy shorts or bottoms, gold printed school t-shirt/ black trainers or plimsolls).



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Other important points

- Please ensure your child is bringing a named water bottle every day.
- If your child is able to walk home independently, please do let the office know in advance that they are allowed to.
- Pupils should not wear or bring jewellery, make-up or valuable belongings.
- Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform and is labelled (grey trousers, knee-length skirt or dress; white shirt; navy sweatshirt or cardigan; black shoes).

A quick note on SATs

Year 6 will take their SATs in May 2025. These are a long way off and please do not feel there is a need for any additional homework or support at this stage. I must emphasise that it is important to talk with your child about not being stressed about SATs, it is only a snapshot of their educational life. There will be a separate presentation meeting for this in early spring 2025.

Class information, achievements, dates and celebrations will continue to be shared with you via e-mail, in the newsletters and on the school website. We look forward to updating you throughout the year on their many successes!

Thank you in advance for your support this year. We cannot wait to get started.

Kind regards,

Mr L Marshall and UKS2 team.