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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both parents and children back into Kingfisher Class - I am really looking forward to working with you all this term!

Classroom Set-up - Following the latest government guidelines Kingfisher classroom is continuing to be set up to allow all pupils to be forward facing and to have their own designated space. Your child has their own tray of equipment stored in their space for their use and we have a cleaning station step up in the class. This will be on top of regular hand washing and cleaning throughout the day.

Reading Books - The aim is for your child to read each day to help improve their fluency and their understanding of what they have read. When they have finished a book they need to let us know so we can organise changing them. We don't check reading records everyday, all children will have a guided reading session each week and will be heard by the teacher as often as we can, but this may not be every week. We will also be making use of our library throughout the week and your child will be able to borrow a library book to take home each week. When books are returned they are always stored and cleaned before returning to the shelves to be taken home by someone else.

Homework - Homework, spellings and times tables practice are set weekly. We will set them over google classroom and can be recorded online or in the home learning books, but if paper copies of homework are needed please contact the Kingfisher class email. Once homework comes home the expectation is for your children to complete their homework (a short Literacy and Maths activity); however they should not spend more than 30-45 minutes doing so. Please write a note on their homework to inform us if they are spending any longer on it or are finding a task particularly challenging. In KS2 they should generally be able to do their homework independently. Homework will be handed out on a Monday and will be due the following Friday. Spellings and times table practice should be happening daily in short bursts, for example on the walk to the bus or school. Repeated short bursts will help to embed these key skills for their weekly test on a Friday.

Curriculum - Also coming home today is our classes Topic Web which gives you an overview of what we will be learning this term. If you have any questions about anything on this, then please let us know.

I am excited about the learning adventures that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. Collett

