



5th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and are feeling refreshed for the new term. I will be teaching the class from Monday to Friday, with support from Mrs Hussey, Miss Nelson and Mrs Povey on different days throughout the week.

This term, in Redwoods Class, we will be studying the topic of The Victorians. We have worked hard to link our curriculum subjects to this fascinating theme. A topic plan has been attached for your information so you can see what we intend to cover over the course of the term.

Reading

Throughout the week, your child should read their **Accelerated Reader book** both at home and in school. When they finish the book, they'll complete a quiz in school to check their understanding. Each month, the children will be expected to complete one Accelerated Reader quiz.

Timetables

Strong times tables knowledge is essential for SATs and for success across the Maths curriculum. Our goal is for every child to have a fully 'Green' heat map by the end of Year 6, showing they can recall their times tables confidently. If your child hasn't reached 'Green' yet, please ensure they complete **20 minutes of TT Rockstars each week** to help build their fluency.

Homework

Every Friday, your child will bring home one Maths or English task linked to the learning they have done that week. This helps them consolidate their understanding and gives them extra practice in the run-up to SATs. The task will be recorded in their homework diary; please sign it once your child has completed their homework.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and thank you for your continued support for what promises to be a very exciting term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Downings

Weekly Reminders

Every day: Please ensure your child brings their homework diary, AR reading book, and a labelled water bottle.

Mondays & Wednesdays: Children should come to school dressed appropriately for P.E. with Mr Swann.

Thursdays: Children should come dressed suitably for Forest School.

Tuesdays & Fridays: Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

Additional note:

SATs Club will resume after the February half term.