

Dear Parents,

We are so pleased to be able to welcome you all back to school this week. It will be wonderful to see the children and to begin the new academic year together.

We have some really exciting topics and novel studies planned for the children, along with our usual maths, science, spelling, grammar, handwriting, PE, art and RE.

Our PE day will be Wednesday. Please can all children come to school in their school PE kit ready for the lesson – tracksuit bottoms, leggings, t-shirt, a jumper and trainers. This will help us avoid any changing in school.

We will be giving the children reading books on a Monday. Your children will keep these until Friday, when they will be collected in and left over the weekend ready to be given out to another child the following Monday. Your child will have a reading record book as normal which we will be checking. Please read with your child every night and sign their book. Even 5 minutes a night will make a big difference. We will also be sending home a bookmark which will help you ask your child questions about the book to check their understanding. Please re-read the book if you finish it. Decoding the words and reading aloud is only the first stage. We will be encouraging understanding, fluency, expression and enjoyment.

In maths, we will be continuing to teach SMIRFS (instant recall facts) this year. We will assess all the children over the next couple of weeks to see which planet they need to focus on and then send the correct sheet home to you so you can practise these skills at home.

As we will not be able to communicate with you properly before or after school, you will now be able to contact the Year 3/4 team on this email address year3-4@newparkacademy.co.uk. We will be teaching from 8.45 until 3.15 so will be unable to check emails during this time but will regularly check both before and after school.

We are confident that we are going to have a really good term. Nobody needs to worry about catching up or being behind. With all our support, our children will thrive and embrace the challenges that lie ahead.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs. Constable, Miss Barker, Mrs. Stubbs and Miss Gorman