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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to welcome back everyone to **Key Stage 2** after the summer break. The staff are as follows-

	Teacher-	Teaching assistants-
Y3 Lowry	Mrs Sutherland	Mrs Morgan and Mrs Neal
Y3 Picasso	Miss Anderson	Mr Silk and Mrs Blight
Y4 Riley	Mrs Huxley	Mrs Tickner and Mrs Tiley
Y4 Morris	Mrs Peverett	Mrs Harvey and Mrs Hanna
Y5 Curie	Mrs Cripps	Mrs Doherty and Mrs Sexton
Y5 Newton	Miss McCabe	Mrs Perry and Mrs Tyler
Y6 Franklin	Mrs Boss/Mr Parrett	Mrs Stanley
Y6 Darwin	Mrs Travers	Mrs Scotto and Miss Gorringe

Topics-

We have some new and exciting topics to explore this year in **Year 3**. In English we will be writing non-fiction texts and factual leaflets inspired by our class text Wolves. In science, our topic is Animals including humans, and we will learn about the similarities and differences between humans and other animals.

In Year 4 our focus book in English this term is "The Frog Prince Continued" which will provide inspiration for writing descriptions of story settings and well in-role diary entries. Maths will commence with place value, addition and subtraction before moving onto decimals and measurement of lengths. In Science, we will be discovering about different types of teeth that humans have and the different parts of our digestive system, which links to our topic "Where does my food go?"

In **Year 5** our topic is Living Things. We will be looking at the Life Cycles of different animals in Science, including witnessing the birth of butterflies in our classrooms! We also hope to get a visit from Ark Animal Encounters. Our book in English is 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom'. We are sure the children will be telling you all about it!

Year 6 will be studying the following texts to write their stories and poems. 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd and 'Way Home' by Libby Hathorn. This term in Maths we will be working on number and place value, calculations involving the four operations, fractions and percentages.



Our topic is 'London' and in Science 'Electricity'. In R.E. the topic this term is Christianity and the Bible and our unit in PSHE is 'Me and making a positive contribution'. We are also lucky enough to have Djembe drumming this term.

Homework-

As always we appreciate your role as partner in your child's education, and aim to keep you informed about your child's learning. We encourage the children to read to an adult at home as regularly as possible and would expect this to be a minimum of three times per week.

We are continuing to run our Star Readers Scheme, which will reward children who work consistently hard on their reading, so please don't forget to sign the Homework Diary each time your child reads with an adult or sibling at home.

Homework will be set on regular days so that you know when to expect your child to bring activities home. Instructions will be written in the Ocean diaries and the work should be completed in the homework journal unless otherwise stated.

Please sign the diary each week so that adults in school know that you have seen it. The diary can be used to record non-urgent messages from home and to inform about your child's behaviour in school.

Uniform/ equipment-

Children are expected to wear correct school uniform. Please do **not** allow children to bring jewellery, toys or mobile phones to school. This causes a great distraction and can be very upsetting for a child if things get lost or broken. We would also ask girls to keep hair accessories minimal and to keep long hair tied back.

Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit, consisting of black or white shorts, white T-shirt or purple Briary T-shirt (not a polo shirt), a pair of plimsolls or trainers and a spare pair of socks – all of which must be clearly named. As some games take place outside, your child may like to wear a tracksuit, particularly when the weather gets colder, however shorts are still required for indoor activities. P.E. kit must be in school at all times and only taken home for washing at the end of each term. With regard to earrings, please try to ensure they are removed for P.E. days, or supply tape to cover ears.

P.E.-

Year 3 children will have P.E. sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

Year 4 children will have P.E. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Year 5 children will have P.E. on Wednesday and Friday.

Year 6 children will have P.E. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The children all have their own named water bottle, provided by the Friends of Briary, and are able to drink water regularly throughout the day. They also have fruit/ vegetables to eat at snack time.

Reminders

Please always phone the office first thing if your child is going to be absent (e.g. they are too ill to come to school). This means that we know your child is safe. If you don't phone and we can't get hold of you and your child is not in school, we don't know they are safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Briary Primary School is a **Nut Free School** due to the fact that several of our pupils have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts including:- peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate spreads, pecans, walnuts, nut oils, nut flavourings etc., body lotions, shampoos etc. containing any nuts. Touching, smelling or eating any of these items may provoke a severe allergic reaction.

Therefore, for the safety of these pupils we have asked all our parents not to send any food

