

Hello Everyone and welcome to the Hogwarts newsletter.



Well, we are nearly at the end of our first term. It has been wonderful to see the children settle back into school life. We are proud of the way each and every one of them has worked hard, over the term, to slot into new 'normal' way of doing things.

During our Recovery Curriculum, we read a range of stories about how resilience and perseverance can help when faced with tricky situations. One of the books the children particularly enjoyed was 'My Fantastic Elastic Brain' which is all about the main parts of the brain and how each is important for learning. Ask your child to tell you all about how amazing the brain really is!

During the year, we will continue to refer to how the book has taught us that we can stretch and grow our brains through our learning.

We are now well into the Autumn term curriculum. Please have a look at the Medium-Term Plans to see what your child has begun and, will continue to learn about this term. The children have also taken reading and maths assessments so that we can find out what needs 'catching up'. I know how keen they are to make up for any lost learning.



PE kits: trainers, joggers for the cooler weather, a white T-shirt and the school jumper to be worn to school.

Homework is in place: Children have weekly spellings, KIRFs (key instant recall facts) and reading.

KIRFs have already been sent home: this term, they stem from the times table facts up to 12x 12 and form the foundation much of the maths we cover this year. The more confident children are with their KIRFs, the easier they will find their maths learning.

This free website is a great way to practise:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



Please encourage your child to read at home at least 3 times a week and complete their Reading Record. Reading is so important, the more children read the better they do in all lessons and life!

Other home-learning can be found on the school website. Congratulations go to winners of the Dazzler certificates this term: *Anagha, Andi, Felipe Cardoso and Sadhana*. Well done and keep up the great work!



Best wishes from Mrs H 😊