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Welcome to the juniors! It was good to see so many of you at our transition meeting last term and we hope this was helpful. Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. If you need to talk to us, and it's always useful to talk to you, we are usually available before school, or immediately after.

We are both looking forward to teaching our new classes and have lots of stimulating activities planned.

Martin Leathes and Jenny Hunkin

Starting Juniors

This is a step up from Year Two and the pupils will be expected to become more responsible for themselves and their belongings. We look for children to be more independent in their learning. We also hope they will take the opportunity to get involved in lots of clubs and activities.

Healthy Tuck

Fruit is not provided in Year Three. Please ensure that you give your child a fruit snack each day as well as a bottle of fresh water. Plain biscuits and solid cheese are good alternatives.

Individual Learning Targets

This week we are setting individual learning targets for reading, writing and numeracy. A copy of these targets will be sent home with the children. Ask your child about their targets and how they are going to try and achieve them!

PE

Please ensure your child has a named P.E. kit in school. This half term PE will be on Wednesday afternoon (3ML) and Friday afternoons. Your child needs trainers. Swimming will begin after half term (more details to follow nearer the time).

Homework

The most important "homework" you can do with your child is to read with them every night! It should be fun and enjoyable. Please could you fill in their Home School Contact Book each time they read at home; every week we will also stick new spellings into their books for them to learn. Children can change their books from **8:30-9:15 and 3:00-3:15** after school. Please could you remind them to change their books during these times. Also they will continue to learn their times tables and we will send home times tables fact sheets for them to learn each week.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

In **literacy**, we will continue with our story telling approach for the first half of term. Children will be learning and retelling the story of The Pied Piper. In **science**, we will be finding out about humans and animal bodies and nutrition. Our **history** topic will be The Stone Age.

Could you help with Reading?

If you are available between 8-45 and 9-15 Monday through to Thursday we would be very grateful to any parents who can come

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in and hear children read. We have started
our reading sessions this week.

Uniforms

Children have looked really smart so far!
They will need to get used to wearing shirts
and ties this term, once the late summer
weather has departed our shores. They need
to be practising how to put on ties. Also
please make sure your child can tie their
laces so that we can do PE without delay!