

11th September 2024

Dear Porteous Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see how well the Porteous children have settled in after the summer holidays. They have returned with such joy and enthusiasm.

Please find on our website Porteous' curriculum topics for both the year and this term: [Hunton Primary School](#)

Outlined below are the arrangements for reading, homework (which will start from next week), times tables and spellings:

Reading

It is our belief that reading is central to all learning and we hold reading in the highest regard. Therefore, hearing your child read every day for about 20 minutes would have an enormous impact on their vocabulary, reading and writing ability and all-round enjoyment!

We kindly ask parents to continue to sign children's reading records if they hear children read or know that their child read to themselves that day. There is also an opportunity for the pupils themselves to comment on the books they are reading. We are collecting reading records **every Monday** for myself or Mrs Eveleigh to sign. Children may select a book from school or at home to read, but encourage that is suitably challenges them- we will also support with this.

Homework

Each child will receive a short, weekly piece of English and mathematics work in their separate homework books. We will distribute homework each **Friday** for hand-in on a **Wednesday**. The children will be self-marking this homework and we will ensure that an overview of each child's achievement and high expectations of presentation are acknowledged. Please note if homework is handed in late, then it cannot be self-marked as the child would have missed the session and feedback. The first pieces of homework will be given out next week.

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Times Tables

Please continue to help your child learn times tables to improve their fluency. We continue to use 'TT Rocks' and encourage pupils to spend time on this weekly. It is essential that children in Borton know their times tables ahead of some of our mathematical topics this year. These will be tested during maths starters.

Spellings

10 Spellings will be distributed on a termly basis to be practised at home and within school. These will be tested every Friday in school.

PE

PE days are on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** this term. Please ensure children are in correct PE coloured tops, please also note no earrings are to be worn during PE. Children must be able to remove all earring themselves. We are lucky to have Chance2Shine carry out cricket this term.

We look forward to an excellent year in Porteous Class. Our thanks in advance for your parental support.

Best wishes,

Miss Blundell
Class Teacher