



Ipplepen Primary School &

Saplings Pre-School

IPPLEPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were pleased to welcome the children back from half term today, we hope you all had a lovely break. The children have settled back in really quickly.

Well done to everyone for remembering swimming kits. A quick reminder that we will be swimming every Monday for the next 4 weeks. While we are having our swimming lessons, we will not be having PE lessons on Thursdays and normal school uniform can be worn. Children should continue to come to school in PE kit on Tuesdays.

Homework

The format of homework will be changing slightly this term and will hopefully bring the format in line with the rest of the school.

Homework will be set on Google Classroom on a Thursday and it needs to be handed in on a Tuesday morning. In addition to times tables, spellings and reading practise, they will be set 2 short exercises, one will have a maths focus and the other will have a literacy or LCC focus. Ideally, your child can complete this homework on Google Classroom or take a picture and upload it, but we will happily accept paper copies if this is not possible. If there is any issue with your child accessing Google Classroom at home please let us know and we will do our best to assist.

Times tables

TT Rockstars remains a great way for the children to learn their multiplication facts. The aim is to have an instant recall of all times table facts by the end of Year 4 and the positive effects of knowing times tables can really be seen in class. Games last 3 minutes and a few minutes playing each day can make all the difference. We thank you for your continued support with this.

Spelling practise



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Spellings will be set on Spelling Frame where the children can learn their spellings through games and activities. The children will continue to be tested on their spellings every Wednesday.

Reading practise

Please continue to read regularly with your child (ideally at least 5 times a week although we know this is not always possible) and fill in the reading diary each time you read with your child. We really do appreciate your support in this area.

Finally, we understand that family life is sometimes busy and that, occasionally, homework does not get completed. If this is ever the case please just let one of us know.

Thank you, as always, for your continued assistance.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Brassington and Mrs Clark.