

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

Dear Porteous parent/carer,

We are delighted to tell you how well Porteous have settled back since the summer holidays and have returned to school with an excellent learning mindset. The Year 3s are adapting well to the new challenges of being in Key Stage 2, with more independence, and the Year 4s have been fantastic role models

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, 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 be ideal and greatly appreciated.

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 opportunity for the pupils themselves to comment on the books they are reading. We are collecting reading records **every Friday** for myself or Mrs Edwards to sign. Children no longer on the reading scheme may select an appropriately challenging book from school or at home to read.

## Homework

Each child will receive a short, weekly piece of English and mathematics work in their separate homework books. We will distribute homework each **Wednesday** for hand-in on **Monday**. 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.

## 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 Porteous know their times tables ahead of some of our mathematical topics this year. Also, in the summer term Year 4 children will be taking part in the mandatory MTC (multiplication tables check).

## Spellings

10 spellings will be distributed on a Monday to be practised at home. These will be tested every Friday in school. Children will be given a copy of the spellings for the term ahead of time.

## PE

PE days are on a **Monday** and **Thursday**, one of which is swimming lessons at Mote Park Leisure Centre. The children not attending swimming will have a PE lesson in school. It is essential that children have their PE kits in school on these days. Please could you ensure that anyone with earrings is able to remove them themselves.

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

Best wishes,

Miss Kelly-Morrow  
Class teacher

Mrs Edwards  
TA

Mrs Eveleigh  
SEN TA