Thursday September 6th

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term—but now in Emerald class!

I hope you had a wonderful summer, and that after the long break your children are ready for new challenges. I am absolutely delighted to be able to teach this wonderful class of children again this year.

**Homework**

Spelling homework will be sent home on Mondays and we will test ourselves on the Friday following. This year children will also receive a times tables booklet, starting with a bronze booklet, then bronze plus, silver, then silver plus and finishing with gold then gold plus! I am hoping that the challenge of these booklets will help children in their confidence with quick recall of tables facts. (see link on our class page for tables and spelling ideas)

Also see on our class page a document with other homework tasks that can be completed over this term and returned to school at any time.

**Equipment**

Children will need an old t-shirt or apron for messy art and craft lessons. They will also need to have their PE kit at school throughout the week. Please ensure your child’s uniform and PE kits are named clearly! This year pencil cases should contain; a black handwriting pen (not biro), an HB pencil, ruler, sharpener, pritt stick type glue and whiteboard (dry wipe) pen. Children do not need to bring felt tips, coloured pencils or any other ‘glitzy’ pens!

**Reading**

Children should always have a reading book to use at school. Our library has a good range of books, but please encourage your child to use your local library too. Please encourage your child to read at least 5 times a week for about 10 minutes.

**Topics**

There is an overview of the first term’s topics on our webpage, and our Year 3 and 4 coffee morning is September 20th at 9am to 9:45. As always I can be contacted via email on the link at the bottom of our class page. I love it when you talk to me about your children and I greatly value your support. Please do contact me about any concerns you may have this year—together we can do wonders with our children at this age!

Best wishes,

Mr Pritchard