



# Benwick Primary School

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## Doves Spring Term letter 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term in Doves Class. We hope you all had a great Christmas and we wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. We are looking forward to the new term ahead, as we have planned lots of exciting activities.

Please help your child make the best start to the new school year by ensuring they have all the things they need each day, including correct uniform and a water bottle, all of which should be clearly named. Children should not bring in toys, balls, stationery, etc from home.

### **Snacks:**

Breaktime snacks are encouraged, these should be healthy e.g., fruit or plain cereal bars. Chocolate bars, biscuits, cakes, crisps, peppermints etc are not allowed. School does provide a fruit or vegetable snack for every child in KS1. Please remember we are a nut free school due to children with serious allergies.

**Reading book arrangements:** Your child will be given three books each week - RWI book bag book, RWI phonics book they have studied in class and a reading for pleasure book. These will be changed and monitored regularly by staff. Children will also have access to the library from where their choices will be scanned out so that they can borrow beautiful books to share with you at home. It is important that these books are returned and scanned back into the library. Any outstanding books will be followed up by letter. Children who are using Accelerated Reader are expected to read their book a minimum of three times to ensure fluency and understanding. As children are all at different stages, it is their responsibility to ask to quiz on their book when they are ready to do so and should let a class adult know they are ready to quiz.

### **PE arrangements:**

Our class PE/Games sessions are on Tuesday and Wednesday.



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Please make sure children have their named PE kit in school all week – this should be a white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings, with tracksuit bottoms in cooler weather and trainers. Football strips and multi-coloured t-shirts and shorts are not allowed, thank you.

## Homework expectations:

Our basic homework expectations for children are:

Daily reading - minimum of 15 minutes – please record when you have heard them read in their reading record.

Spelling – spellings are given out on Monday and are tested on the following Monday. Please help your child to learn these at home, little and often is best.

Counting - oral counting, chanting and testing of number bonds works best, so the children have rapid recall of these facts which greatly improves their ability to access mathematics across the curriculum.

## Useful Links:

A reminder that the following websites are really useful when helping your child at home in both phonics and maths.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games)

[www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com)

## Contacting us:

We value a close relationship with parents and carers, so if you have anything to share with us, including worries or concerns, please do get in touch. We are available in the mornings on the playground before the whistle, on the playground at home time, via dojo messaging or email (please email the school office [office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk)).

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Miss Wakefield & Doves Team