



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another academic year at Bibury! I am very excited to be joining the team and supporting your children as they develop and flourish with us. I hope that you have all had a wonderful break and that you, like your children, are ready and rearing to go!

Term 1 contains many exciting learning opportunities and activities which we can't wait to get our teeth into. We are centring much of our learning on The Ancient Greeks and this strand will weave its way through many of our lessons and learning journeys as well as our school trip!

I have attached a Curriculum Map for the term which will detail what your children will be learning across the subjects to give you a flavour of what you can expect to hear about.

PE

We will be having PE on Tuesdays and Fridays this term. Children will need to bring their PE kit into school to change into. They may leave PE kit at school during the week if this is easier.

Homework

Homework continues to be

Daily reading

Children are able to record their own reading in their reading record and are able to read their own or Accelerated Reader books. They should aim for at least 3 entries in their reading record per week.

Please try to listen to your child read at least once a week, no matter their year group, as it is a critical skill to prepare them for secondary school! Please write in the reading record when you have heard your child read.

Core Skills

	Content	Expectation
Spellings	Children will be asked to practise a specific spelling rule or pattern each week.	The spelling pattern will be incorporated into a dictated sentence the following week using seen and unseen words.
Punctuation and Grammar	Year-group specific grammar and punctuation skills.	Children will come home with a sheet each Thursday to support their practice of a specific punctuation or grammar skill. This will be handed in on Tuesdays.
Maths	Children will be asked to learn a specific multiplication table or recall fact each week.	Children will be prepared to complete Maths fact based activities in Early Morning Work.

Please continue to read your child a **bedtime story** even if they can read it themselves. Children tell us that having a story read to them is often their favourite time of the day. Hearing adults read aloud supports

children's oracy and vocabulary, setting them up for success! Having a bedtime story is also a key part of a healthy bedtime routine and will help your child to relax after a busy day at school.

Reminders:

Please ensure that you send your child to school with their:

- Coat (we play and learn in the rain!)
- Water bottle (filled with water)
- Bag
- Named PE kit (Tuesday and Friday)
- Named school uniform – Here are the [School Uniform expectations](#).

Morning Snack

Please ensure that any snacks are healthy (vegetables, cheese, bread etc) and placed in a reusable container rather than a wrapper as wrappers easily lead to litter in our playground. We are a No Nuts School.

Keeping in touch

I am looking forward to building strong relationships with you all. Please let me know about any worries or concerns as soon as possible so that I can nip things in the bud. Please catch me at the end of the day. We can discuss anything there and then or make an appointment to meet if it requires a little more time. If you prefer, you can leave a message with the school office.

Many thanks and best wishes for an excellent year,

Dr Wallis