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Dear Dragonflies families,

Welcome to Dragonflies Class!

In Dragonflies Class, we are proud to be a community of enthusiastic, curious and hardworking learners. Whether we're exploring the wonders of nature or diving into exciting STEM experiments, our class is full of resilient, reflective and resourceful minds who love a challenge and embrace learning in all its forms.

Your teachers are Mrs Wilson, who teaches from Monday to Wednesday, and Mrs Russell, who takes the class on Thursdays and Fridays. We are also supported by Miss Schofield and Mrs Emery throughout the week, helping to enrich our learning in lots of different ways.

We believe in celebrating success and recognising positive behaviour. In Dragonflies Class, you can earn school dojos from any member of staff who sees you showing kindness, effort or excellence. These dojos can be spent in the dojo shop, which is open on various lunchtimes throughout the year – a lovely way to reward your hard work!

Key Information:

- P.E. Day – Please come to school in your P.E. kit every Thursday. If your child is swimming this half term, you will receive notification.
- Water Bottles – Bring a named water bottle every day to stay hydrated.
- Snacks – We encourage children to bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack for morning break.
- Reading book and reading record should be brought daily. We will check parent signatures on Wednesdays (1 dojo per adult signature, up to 5 dojos a week).
- Homework is set on a Tuesday to be returned by the following Monday.
- Half termly OPTIONAL homework will be given.

How We Learn:

Our learning is project-based, creative and often hands-on. From nature-based learning in our beautiful rural setting to fascinating science investigations and team challenges, we grow our

knowledge through exploration and curiosity. We work both collaboratively and independently, learning to support one another while also developing our own personal strengths.

	Monday (Homework returned)	Tuesday (Homework set)	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Until 9:15	GPS	GPS	GPS	GPS	GPS
Until 9:15 - 9:35	Reading assessment	Reading comprehension	Computing	Reading comprehension	Reading comprehension
9.35-10.35	English	English		English	English
10.35-10.50	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10.50- 12:00	Maths	Maths	Science	Maths	Maths
12:00-12.55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:55 - 1:30	Arithmetic	R.E.	French	Arithmetic	Arithmetic assessment
1:30 - 3.00	Topic	Topic	Reading and Enrichment	Swimming/P.E.	Topic
3.00-3.20	P.S.H.E.	PSHE/RE assembly (2:45pm)	Singing assembly (school council)		Celebration assembly

Above is our timetable. Shared reading will take place throughout the week. This is subject to change and may be amended due to trips, visits, assessments, etc, but it gives a general outline. Your child will need waterproof shoes each day as we like to get outside as much as we can. Any mobile phones need to be handed to the class teacher/office at the beginning of the day, if your child requires one for walking down the hill. If your child brings in their own resources (these are not needed but we know they like to on occasions, these will need to be of a size to fit into their trays).

We love to hear about successes and events that the children have outside of school. Please use Dojo to share these.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office email (office-swantonabbott@aimfederation.org) and we will get back to you when we can.

Dragonflies are small but mighty – just like our class. Here's to another exciting year of learning and growing together!

We look forward to a great year!

Kind regards,

Dragonflies team