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*Conygar Class Newsletter - Term 1 2025*

*Dear Parents & Pupils,*

*Welcome back. We certainly hope you have managed to have a restful summer break and are starting to feel settled in to new school routines. We are excited for the year ahead with such a fantastic class. Below, you can find a brief and useful explanation of various structures, routines and expectations for the coming term.*

**READING**

*In Conygar Class, we expect children to read aloud, at least 5 days a week, at home for around 10 minutes alongside daily reading for pleasure and twice weekly guided reading sessions in school. This might fit into your bedtime routine, whilst supper is being prepared or even before coming to school in the morning. Please continue to support this by recording your signature in reading diaries every time your children read – comments need only be made if you feel necessary. Reading diaries are checked and recorded every Thursday. I understand that this can be difficult for the best of us, especially as your child gets older, so just a page or two aloud would be sufficient then they can read to themselves for the remaining time. Reading is important for developing language skills, encouraging a thirst for knowledge and enhancing a child's concentration, which are all vital skills.*

**SPELLING**

*This year there will no longer be weekly spellings sent home. In school, we will be following a new spelling scheme with daily spelling lessons which aim to teach all of the necessary spelling rules. During writing lessons, we will also have focus words from the Year 3/4 Statutory spellings list which the children will have an opportunity to practise in their work. However, if you did wish to do extra practise at home, this would be very much appreciated!*



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### **PE**

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays each week for Term 1. Pupils need to wear their PE kits to school on these days. Our school PE kit consists of navy shorts, skorts, joggers or leggings with a light blue t-shirt and trainers.

### **TIMES TABLES**

Times tables are a key element of learning in Year 3 and Year 4, especially as Year 4s will be taking their Multiplication Tables Check in Term 6! To help support children's learning, we use Times Table Rockstars. This not only helps children's learning but also allows us to assign specific times tables for children to practise and for us to monitor their progress. As the Multiplication Tables Check is completed electronically, it is also essential that children are used to answering questions using an electronic device. Hopefully, you should have received a letter with your child's log in and password information but if not or if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to let me know!

### **UNIFORM**

Thank you all for your support you have shown already of our new school uniform policy! Just a reminder that long hair should be tied up with a simple bow/hair band/clip and to ask that children please have a water bottle with them in school. Please can you also ensure that uniform is named so that it is easy to return to your child.

Thank you for your anticipated support. I look forward to working with you all this academic year. If you should need to speak with me outside of school hours regarding your child's education, please can I ask that you email the class email ([conygar@stmarysprimaryportbury.org](mailto:conygar@stmarysprimaryportbury.org)) or contact the school office by telephone. Let the year commence!

Yours sincerely,  
Lizzie Woodbridge



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