Dear Parents/ guardians,

A warm welcome/ welcome back to Class Tamar. We have a busy and exciting year ahead. During this term, our whole school question is ‘How far and wide are we connected?’ This question will be covered across a range of subjects throughout the term.

This newsletter will give you an overview of Class Tamar’s class expectations and what we will be covering in our subjects this half term. Please read the **weekly newsletter** for upcoming events and dates.

**Labelled PE kits** must be available in the school for the whole term and kept on the child’s peg. Please could you check that your child’s school plimsolls/ trainers still fit comfortably.

**Homework**

**Times Tables** – These are vital to assisting your child’s learning in mathematics. Therefore, for mathematics homework we require your child to practise their times tables every week for a minimum of thirty minutes in a way that suits them. The thirty minutes can be spread across the week. This could be using TTRockstars, chanting tables in the car, giving them pop quizzes or making pairs games etc. An entry needs to be made in the back of their Spelling book detailing how they have practised and must be signed by an adult. This will be checked each week on a Thursday.

**Reading** – Reading will be prioritised across the whole school. It is imperative that all children in class Tamar read aloud at least 5 times a week to an adult at home and record this with the adult’s signature in their reading journals. In keeping with our new incentive system, reading records will be checked each day and the children will gain a merit each time they have read the night before or over the weekend. If they do not have their signed reading record they will not get a merit for that time. When they have gained 10 merits, they will get a prize from the class box which they voted for. This will run alongside the Bookquest scheme, so children still need to read a variety of genres and will continue to gain Bookquest certificates.

**Spellings** – Spellings will be given out on a **Friday** according to their year group. They need to practise these using the spelling games ideas given or their own. An entry needs to made in the front of their Spelling book detailing how they have practised and signed by an adult. This will be checked on the following **Friday** and they will be tested that day.

Throughout the year, from time to time, whole school homework will also be given to link in with whole school topics as well as local, national and global events. There will be a description of the homework given on the class page of the website with spare resources on the notice board in our classroom.

If you have **any concerns** about your child’s time in school please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment to see myself or Mrs Norton when we can give the matter our full attention.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Davies