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Dear Parents,

Discovery Class Curriculum Newsletter

I hope you have had a relaxing summer break and I'd like to welcome you to the new school year and the autumn term! The class will be taught by Miss Hine, supported by Mrs Groves, Mrs Stephens and Mr Fudge. Our enquiry topic for this half term is, 'How has the past shaped the present?' We would like to outline our learning for this term and remind you of our classroom procedures.

Please see the attached medium term plan for the learning covered in Discovery Class this half term. If you have any resources related to these themes we would be delighted for your children to bring these in and we will take very great care of them!

Every Friday, the children will take home spellings to practise, a grammar activity and a maths activity linked to what we are doing in the classroom. We also require children to practise their times tables at home: there are lots of fun games to play and songs to help them learn them by heart. We normally give children a week to complete these tasks. Every week, the children will have a spelling test based on the spellings they have been learning for their homework over the week. It is very important that children have the chance to practise their spellings and tables at home, as it will help with their general progress in maths and literacy. As a suggested guideline homework should take 20-30 minutes to complete. If children are unsure of the task, we are happy for them to come and discuss their homework with us during the week. We are also pleased for parents to support their children.

The children will continue to bring home a reading journal, which should be used to record their reading out of school. We would ask that you listen to your child read and discuss their reading with them at least three times a week; there will be dojo points for children who have done this. During the week children can earn even more dojo points and stickers for positive behaviour and attitude.

Children will always be expected to have a reading book and a pencil case (no larger than a reading book) which contains: a pencil; a rubber; a small ruler; a pencil sharpener, which holds the sharpening; highlighters; whiteboard pen and a glue stick. These are essential pieces of equipment that your child will use every day and it will help your child if each is labelled clearly. Children will be given a pencil and whiteboard pen at the start of the term.

A reusable water bottle must also be brought to school and taken home every day. In addition to this, please can children keep an old t-shirt or shirt (for art lessons) in their school bags.

For PE, children are required to wear their PE kits into school and home again on the day that they have PE, which will be on **Monday** with Mr Lowman. There is no need for their school uniforms to be brought to school that day. PE kit, includes: red Horrington School T-shirt; all black unbranded shorts or tracksuit bottoms; Horrington School Tracksuit top; and white socks and trainers.

There is lots going on for sport and activity this term! Please keep an eye out for sports fixture news in the school newsletter. These activities and fixtures will provide opportunities for your child to learn a new sport or to represent Horrington School.

In addition to this, Year 5 will be taking part in a unihoc lesson on **Thursday** afternoons (please arrive in PE kit on Thursdays too!) for the duration of this half term. This has been funded through the school's PE and School Sport Premium Fund and has been organised to offer all children access to the opportunity to try new sports. Year 3 and 4 will have additional sporting opportunities with their year group in the following terms.

Please come along to the class meeting with Miss Hine for further information, on Tuesday 10th September at 2:45pm.

If you have any queries please feel free to arrange a time to discuss these with us or as necessary we can arrange access to the school SENCO, Miss McLaurie.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hine, Mrs Groves, Mrs Stephens and Mr Fudge