

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year at Dr Walkers! I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year and watching them grow in independence within Key Stage Two. Our Learning Support Assistant is Miss Page who is in class every morning. This half term we are learning about Robots (the topic map will be on the website shortly) and I have sent a half termly homework sheet with information about the project. Homework will be due in on Friday's and their spellings will be tested on this day too.

As part of our Maths, the children complete Rockstar Maths, which is a three minute activity to answer as many times tables questions as they can - whilst listening to some great rock classics! When they can answer all 60 in less than 2 minutes (3 times), they will move onto the next times table sheet. The children are always excited to start the day with this so please encourage them as much as possible.

In class we are using the Class Dojo system where the children earn points (dojos), for following our core values, and on occasions the children will bring home dojo tokens for earning a certain number of dojos.

P.E. will be on Tuesday and Wednesday so please ensure that earrings are removed and your child has a tracksuit and trainers as the weather turns colder.

The key areas we are focussing on with the children are based around our core values:

At Dr. Walker's school, we develop respect and responsibility.  
Build perseverance and creativity.

Combine Christian values with courage and compassion to become successful British Citizens.

#### **Ways that you can help us:**

**Respect:** Remind children of the importance of manners and supporting their friends when they find things challenging.

**Responsibility:** Encourage children to organise their bag and look after their belongings when they come to school. Encourage them to be in control of their homework and complete the tasks on time.

**Perseverance:** Encourage your children to never give up! FAIL= First Attempt At Learning!

**Creativity:** Encourage your children to read a range of books and take part in a range of clubs to broaden their knowledge and experiences. Encourage them to think outside of the box with homework projects.

**Compassion:** Encourage your children to support friends and family in times of need.

And finally,

**Independence:** Encourage your children to walk into the building by themselves. (If you need to let me know something in the morning, please write it in their diary or send in a note. I will be around afterschool if you need to talk to me in greater detail.)

Thank you for your support already and for the rest of the year.

Mrs Walker