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**The New School Curriculum ..... The Non – Negotiables.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may already be aware that a new primary curriculum was introduced in September 2014.

To ensure that our lessons match this new curriculum, our staff have worked incredibly hard over the past few months and I have seen some 'cracking' lessons taking place which children are thoroughly enjoying !

There have been some changes to topics covered in the foundation subjects .....subjects like History and Geography, but the main changes have been to English and Maths.

Both subject areas have become more challenging with concepts now being introduced much earlier.

In English, spellings which children are now expected to know are far more complex than in the old curriculum and in Maths, children now have to know times tables much earlier !

Our planning has taken these higher expectations into consideration and lessons are being taught to support children at all levels.

The curriculum now has what are called Non Negotiables, and by that we mean **essential skills** that **ALL** children in that year group will have mastered as the year progresses.

On the reverse of this letter there is a list of these **essential skills**.

We would be most grateful if you could do whatever you can at home to help your child master these **essential skills**.

If you require any advice on how you can do this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you in anticipation of your on-going support.

J M Stringer