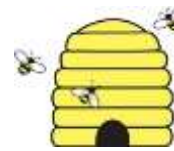


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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and been able to enjoy the weather. It has been so wonderful to welcome a class of excited children this week! I am very proud of how they have been settling in to the new school year, taking the changes in their stride.

This letter gives the information you will need for your child in Class 1 this term.

This term our learning will be based on our two book hooks, Meerkat Mail and Lila and the secret of the rain. These books naturally lend themselves to areas of Geography, Science and Literacy skills. Attached is a topic web which provides insight into what the children will be learning in each subject this term. In Class 1, Miss Baker and myself will be supporting the children's learning in the morning. Mrs Richens will support the children's learning every afternoon and Mrs Ballard will be with the children on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

P.E.

P.E will be taught every week on a **Tuesday**. Please can you ensure that **your child arrives at school already dressed in their PE kit**. They will remain in this for the day and not need to change, Below is the required PE kit:

- **White T-shirt** and **school jumper**

- **Black shorts** or **dark joggers** when it is colder weather, as the children will currently be outside for PE

- **Black trainers. No school shoes as many of these are not suitable for the PE activities that the children will be participating in. Black trainers are allowed for general school uniform.**

If your child is participating in any after school activities, the children will need the same PE kit as expected during the school day. In line with our uniform policy, no 'team' kits are to be worn. The only change to PE kit for after school clubs will be footwear where needed i.e.: football or rugby clubs.

Belongings

Children need to bring coats, their lunchbox if not having a hot meal, one snack and water bottle into school each day. To help build independence and responsibility, we provide each child with their own pencil case of resources to use within the classroom. We also do this so that their own items which may be from home don't get lost and are safe. The children are encouraged and reminded to look after their belongings and keep them in the places allocated for them, though at times things can mistakenly be misplaced. To help with this, please can you ensure any uniform items or other belongings are named to help us return them to the right location should they go missing.



Snack and allergies

We have a small break each morning for snack time, where children have **one** snack item to help keep them going. Their snack needs to be a healthy item, preferably fruit that the children can eat quickly and easily. We have fruit delivered to school each week so always have some available. We do have children in the class with **severe nut allergies**, so please check labels of food items very carefully to make sure that snacks brought into school **do not contain nuts**. If a child does have an item containing nuts, we will need to remove it from the classroom and provide them with fruit as an alternative to help keep all of the children safe, thank you for your cooperation with this.

Reading Records

This week we have spent time listening to the children reading and checking the phonics sounds they know and which need recapping. Using this knowledge, we will start to send home reading books next Friday that will match the phonics they will be covering. Reading books will be changed every Friday morning, so please ensure the children always have their books in on this day. As much as possible, please listen to your child read daily and record the name of the book they are reading and any relevant comments. Please do remember to record every read as we check the children's records weekly and total them to see when they achieve a reading certificate, it would be fantastic to achieve as many as we can this term!

Homework

Homework is **set online weekly every Friday**, starting from next week and is designed to consolidate the learning the children have done during the week. There is a positive correlation between completing the weekly Literacy and Maths homework and the progress that is made within learning throughout the year. Please do support your child in engaging regularly in this weekly homework to really help them RISE in their learning!

If it is not possible for your child to complete these homework activities online, **paper copies can be made available on request**. Below is an explanation of what is set and will be checked weekly:

Literacy

This homework is via Forms on the Class' Teams website (Kaleidoscope Class) weekly. Instructions for completing the form will be provided on there and will contain:

- Spellings – There will be 10 spellings that consolidate the sounds/spelling patterns which the children have been learning in the week.
- Grammar– There will be a section to write sentences using their spellings and include the grammar skills that have been taught that week.

Maths

Children will be allocated activities on MyMaths that consolidate the learning they have been doing. There may be times where the children repeat tasks as this gives the children the opportunity to really consolidate their understanding. All children should have brought home a reminder of their logins today (or new logins for Year 1). If you do need a reminder of the login details at any point, please do let me know at the end of the school day.

We will also be holding a MyMaths club after school on a Wednesday where children can come and complete their activities, so please do take advantage of this opportunity if internet access at home is a difficulty.

Topic

Where relevant during the term, the children may be asked to research information or gather items that relates to their learning as outlined in the topic web. For example, this might be gathering recycling items to use in DT. Instructions and plenty of information will be given where and when this is required.

I am really looking forward to working in partnership with you this year to really allow the children to RISE as they progress through Year 1 and 2! Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

If you do have any queries or concerns, then please do feel free to catch me on the playground at the end of the school day or contact the office if this is not possible.

Kind Regards,

Miss Allanach