

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a relaxing and restful Summer break. We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and get started on a fantastic year of learning! Our term begins by basing our learning on the book ‘Every child a song’. This is a book the whole school will be focussing on for the first week. Please see the annual overview for Class 1 which is on the website for further information about this term’s learning.

**Drop off and collection arrangements:**

8:45am drop off at the main gate (please pass on any messages to the teachers on duty or the school office)

3:15pm collection from the school playground.

**PE**: Class 1 has PE on Mondays and Tuesdays and children must come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. All items of PE kit need to be clearly labelled and, as it gets colder, should consist of layers and suitable outdoor footwear.

**Snack and water bottles**

Please ensure your child has a **named**, refillable water bottle in school every day.

A fruit snack is provided for your child but if they would like to bring in a healthy snack they are most welcome to. This must NOT be chocolate or sweets and MUST NOT contain nuts.

**Forest School**

Forest school clothes (long sleeved tops, trousers/leggings and waterproofs) can be worn to school on Forest School days. Named wellies can either be left in school on the racks outside of the classroom, or brought to school in a named bag on the day and taken home again. Our Forest School sessions this term will be on Wednesday 25th September and Tuesday 22nd October.

**Reading**

Daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child. As in Class R the books we send home from school will be matched to your child’s current reading ability so that they can decode the text, understand what they have read and be able to discuss the book with an adult. Please record every time your child reads.

Book change will continue to be on a Monday and 2 books will be given out. We encourage you to re-read each book as this helps build language development, word recognition and fluency.

**Doodle**

Many of you will have been using Doodle for maths practise last year. Please continue with this if you found it useful. As the year progresses we will add English to your child’s Doodle learning. At this stage of your

child’s school journey I would always prioritise reading over any Doodle learning.

**Affordability**

This year the pantomime trip will be offered to Classes 2-6 only but there will be a Christmas treat for Class R and Class 1 with a maximum cost of £20. There will be a class trip either in the Spring or Summer term which will be around £16 but this will be confirmed nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to speak with myself or Mrs Simpson after school about any concerns or queries.

Mrs Serle 😊

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Class 1