

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 'The Dot'. 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 **quick messages** to the teachers on duty or the school office).

If you feel your information/concern may take a little longer please speak to me at pick up time or, if urgent, share with office staff who will pass on the information.

3:15pm collection from the school playground. Please bear with us as we get to know and recognise you.

PE Class 1 has PE on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. 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 containing water. 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, sweets or crisps 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 17th September** and **Wednesday 15th October**.

Reading

Daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child. In Class 1 we expect your child to read with an adult **every day**. Please note down in the reading record every time your child reads. The date and page/s read will suffice. The amount your child reads each time will vary. Little and often is absolutely fine!

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. Reading folders containing reading books and reading records will be checked every day so please make sure they are kept in your child's school bag.

Book change will be on a Monday and Thursday with 1 new book given out each time. We encourage you to re-read each book as this helps build language development, word recognition and fluency.

Affordability 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. You may also contact me via email which the school office will forward on.

Mrs Serle ☺

