



Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you have all had a lovely summer break. We are really pleased with how the children have settled into their new classes and thank you for your support with this.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the routines in KS1.

Reading

We believe that reading is the key to unlocking a child's imagination but also it provides a means of accessing information, instructions and understanding across a wide range of subjects. This is why we place such a high level of importance on reading fluency and comprehension. Your support in hearing your child read and asking them questions to determine their understanding of a story/text has a huge impact of their progress.

- All children will bring home a reading book to read at home every day. We encourage all children to read their reading book frequently at home to develop their love of reading and ensure they make the best progress and meet age related expectations through sharing a range of books.
- Book bags and reading books need to be in school every day so that we can hear the children read and change their books on a regular basis.
- Please make a comment and sign in your child's reading record as this helps us to work together to get the best outcomes in reading for your child. In addition your comments feed into the Reading Reward Challenge.
- To achieve a reading Reward Challenge certificate your child needs to read four times a week at home.
- Each term we run a 'Book Bingo Challenge' where your child is encouraged to develop their love for reading in a fun way. They will come home with this in the next couple of weeks and the first draw will be at Christmas.
- To further encourage a love for reading we have 'Free Choice Friday' where children can bring reading material of their choice to share in school every Friday. This can be a story book, leaflet, non-fiction book, magazine, recipe, manual or any other item which includes text that the children are interested in. We really enjoy seeing and sharing what the children like to read and it encourages children to appreciate that reading is not only an essential skill but also fun and enjoyable.

Homework

- Your child will receive a Homework Challenge book next week which is to be completed over the term. These challenges will be linked to our topic and the curriculum coverage. For more information please read the letter accompanying the homework.
- As part of the homework, spellings and times tables will be sent home each week. You will receive more information about these when they are first sent home.

PE

- Your child needs a full indoor and outdoor PE kit which must be kept in school for the whole week. This includes: sensible PE footwear (pumps and trainers), shorts, t-shirts, hoodies, joggers/leggings. Please make sure these are all clearly labelled.

Staffing this Year

Poppy Class – Mrs James

Forget-Me-Not Class- Miss Livingstone and Miss Brewster. Miss Brewster will be covering Miss Livingstone's maternity.

Bluebell Class – Mrs Gardiner

Mrs Miller will be covering non-contact time across all three classes.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come in and ask your child's teacher. Thank

KS1 Team