



Thursday 22nd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, our priority has been to welcome the children back, establish their love of learning and facilitate plenty of social opportunities to support physical and emotional development. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time back at school together, settling back into routines and spending time together again. It really has been wonderful! As we begin a new term, we would like to share some important information and reminders with you.

Class Dojo and Tapestry

We will continue to use Class Dojo and Tapestry to share our learning throughout the week as well as any important information you may need. You can upload fun experiences and learning you have had at home via the 'portfolios' section of Dojo and on your child's Tapestry learning journey if you wish to. We really enjoy sharing and celebrating SMART work completed at home! We are available to contact through Class Dojo as well as email but please ensure any changes to going home arrangements or urgent messages go through the office.

Reading

Children will have opportunities to change their reading books on a Monday to allow a safe amount of time for books to be taken out of circulation. Please write any comments regarding your child's reading in your child's reading diary. Children will read with an adult in school multiple times a week (where possible) and will have several other opportunities to read at school including shared reading, reading aloud, shared writing and paired reading within the class.

SMART Packs

SMART packs continue to be of great importance and help your child to make good progress. We do not expect you to work with your child on every item of their smart pack daily, but instead suggest a little and often approach. Please ensure that your child's smart pack is in their rucksack every day so that we can access them as we need to.

SMART apps

If you need a password reminder for Doodle Maths or Reading Eggs, please let us know. Do not forget that the full Doodle English and Doodle Spell package is available to Year 1 children. We will continue to monitor the children's engagement on these apps with a weekly class leader board.

Spellings (Year 1)

Our school spelling approach has recently changed. Children will no longer be given individual spellings to learn and will instead focus on a shared class spelling rule. These will be introduced to the children on a Monday and the children will practice them daily in their handwriting books. We will share these words with you via Dojo in case your child wishes to carry out further practice at home.

PE

This half term, PE will be on a Thursday with Nick. Please make sure all earrings are removed at the start of the day. During the second half term, we will be developing partner work through games lessons.

Snack

Any snacks brought into school should be healthy (fruit, vegetable or bread-based) and must not contain any nuts. We have plenty of fruit and vegetables to offer the children for free, so please pack one snack only. Milk is available to children under the age of five, but should you wish for your child to have milk after their fifth birthday, this can be arranged through Sharon in the office.

If you have any questions or other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Delaney, Mrs Lawrence and the team 😊

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