



Welcome to Hawks Class!

Welcome back to a new term and the start of Year 1 (Hawks Class), I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

General information

- Please ensure your child wears correctly **named uniform** on a daily basis; this should include suitable **black school shoes** and hair tied back with plain, school coloured hair bands or clips. A red sweatshirt with the school logo must be worn.
- Please ensure any money is sent to school in a sealed, named envelope, although we are a cashless school, with online payments, where possible.
- If your child is not being picked up by the usual adult, then please let the teacher know at the beginning of the school day or phone through to leave a message as soon as possible.
- As you know, we provide wrap around care with our Breakfast and Teatime club; if your child is booked into Teatime Club please ensure they are aware of this so as to avoid any confusion.
- If your child is unable to attend any of the after-school clubs that they regularly attend, please send a note into school or speak to the teacher so that we are all aware of where they are.
- Please could your child have a **named** art shirt in school at all times for when we get messy in art to protect school uniforms.

PE Kits

Due to Covid children need to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE and will wear it for the full day. **PE this term is on Monday and Thursday** so please can they arrive to school with a plain white T shirt, red school sweatshirt, black shorts, with plain black jogger bottoms or black leggings over the top if you wish and wearing plimsolls or trainers. If your child is unable to tie shoelaces, please can they wear Velcro fastening. **Earrings need to be removed for each PE session**, ideally at home or your child is to remove them themselves, if they are unable to do this, please provide suitable micropore or plasters for earrings to be covered for every session.

Homework

Homework will normally be set on a Friday and is due in by the following Friday. The children will *usually* be set maths or English that is related to work that we have been doing in class. As well as this, there will also be maths facts and spellings to learn, ready for a test on Friday. 'Spelling Shed' is a fun way to help with spellings, 'Bug Club' where there will be a weekly maths game and 'Reading Planet' for your child to access online books and quizzes.

If your child finds their homework particularly difficult please ask them to speak to Mrs Burgess, Mrs Harding or Miss Bowden.

Please try to support your child as much as possible by providing them with a calm, quiet atmosphere to work in and ensuring they understand the task.

Reading

We teach children to read using the Read Write Inc scheme, so your child reads daily in school. We will also listen to your child read individually once a week. In accordance with current advice, we will not be recording this in the home diary, instead keeping records in school. They will bring their reading book and reading record home on a daily basis and are expected to read to an adult at home for 5 to 10 minutes a day. Home reading little and often will help your child to become more confident and is a great way for you to see the progress that they are making. Please record this in their reading record and send this back in to school **every** morning, your child will have their book changed, once they have read it 3 times, this is to encourage word recognition, fluency and comprehension. This is all slightly different due to Covid as we will need to quarantine books once they return into school. It is important for children to develop a love of reading, whether it is fiction, non-fiction, comics or newspapers. It is vital to allow your child to access all areas of school life and beyond. There are also opportunities during the week for your children to be reading for pleasure in school.

Our class reading book this term is 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl.

Water Bottles and Snack

Children are allowed bring in a named water bottle from home containing water only. Children in Year 1 are given a piece of fruit each morning, or they can bring in a **piece of fruit or raw vegetables** from home if they prefer.

Behaviour

Children are encouraged to be kind, caring and respectful to others. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning. The children have agreed a class charter for acceptable behaviour and are rewarded if they adhere to the rules. We also like to reward good work and behaviour with house points, certificates and stickers.

Topic

This term the children are going to be learning all about 'Plymouth- Our Special City'.

We are very much looking forward to working with your child and yourselves. If you need any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Burgess or Mrs Harding.

Many thanks,

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Harding

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