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Celebrating Learning Together

Monday 2nd September,

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely summer holidays with your family. We are all really looking forward to an exciting term ahead of us. Firstly, we would like to welcome Mrs Whiting who will be our teaching assistant in Teddy this year. She will be in Teddy class every morning and Mrs Quance in the afternoons. Miss Curtis will join Mrs Evans in Panda this year.

Reading

We are going to be creating a new system which is clear and easy for everyone to follow. Your child will be given 2 books for reading at home, chosen based on their reading ability. Your child doesn't need to have read both books, however the more they read the easier they will find reading! Reading to your child also really supports Literacy development, so any book that you or another adult can share with your child will help them progress and develop a love of reading. On a MONDAY, Mrs Fuller will listen to children read and change reading books. On a FRIDAY, Mrs Wood will change reading books and carry out a guided reading session with all children in small groups. Therefore, all children will read to an adult in school, and books will be changed where appropriate, twice weekly. We would love parent/adult volunteers to listen to children read in school. If you are able to help please let us know!

Phonics/ Home reading Parent Meeting for all Teddy parents/carers – On Thursday 12th September we will be holding a very informal support meeting to help parents and carers with how we teach phonics in school and how parents and carers help support their child at home. It will only be 10-15 mins. This will also be a chance for you to see how your child has settled in to the new school year.

Home learning

Each week you will be given the opportunity to support your child's learning at home with activities that support the curriculum. All learning and experiences, whether at home or at school, are valued. Children will be rewarded with house points for their learning and good behaviour and these are used to reward them with Golden Time at the end of term. Being a learner is not just about Maths and Literacy – it is about growing your brain to be open to many different ideas, skills and values. Send in pictures via Class Dojo, bring in drawings, things they have grown and made. Learning is a shared experience between home and school and we will celebrate this at every opportunity.

Activities your child will bring home each week:

2 reading books (these can be read more than once – this helps with reading and increases their confidence). Your child doesn't need to have read both books, but PLEASE share a book with your child as often as you can.

A Maths, Literacy or Science game to play at home – please record in your reading diaries.

Year 1 – there are Spellzone activities for you to access.

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Topic

This term we have decided to base our topic around the literacy texts that we will be studying in class. So each 2-3 weeks we will be learning about a new topic. We will be starting with Little Red Riding Hood.

Housekeeping

Please could your child have a NAMED water bottle in school with them every day. Please could all clothing, especially jumpers and coats, be named. It would be helpful if your child knew in advance each day which option of school dinner they would like.

WOW Moments

Your child will come home with these each week - please feel free to use them to celebrate any and every achievement – examples could be getting dressed independently, reading, a swimming badge, anything!

Communication

Class Dojo – each child should now be set up on Class Dojo, please see a member of the Teddy team if you can not access it. We will put informal messages and class updates on Dojo. Please can all urgent message, appointments and any absences be sent to the SCHOOL OFFICE and not via Dojo please. Any informal, non-urgent messages can be sent through Dojo. As a rule, we do check Dojo as regularly as we can.

On a Monday, Mrs Fuller is on duty first thing in the morning on the playground and Mrs Wood is on duty on a Friday.

You can always contact us by making an appointment with the office, sending a message via Dojo or an email. Please send them to the school office first, who will then send them to us.

Please note that Mrs Fuller teaches on a Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Wood teaches on a Thursday and Friday and we will respond during our teaching days.

We hope we have a fun and exciting term and are looking forward to teaching your children!

Mrs Fuller and Mrs Wood



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