



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year! We hope you've all had a fantastic summer and the children have all enjoyed the last two weeks in Hurricanes. Within Hurricanes Class, the key members of staff are Miss Gibb (Class Teacher), Mrs Weeks (Classroom Higher Level Teaching Partner) and Mrs Sutherland (Classroom Teaching Partner). Our classroom is based at the back of the school, we are very lucky to have an outside area which will be used by the children on a daily basis to enhance/extend their learning. The children do occasionally get muddy so please provide wellies, if you haven't already done so. The children will each have their own peg and tray in the classroom which will house their belongings.

#### Arriving at School and home time

Hurricanes Class will arrive at 8.40am and will be collected at 3.15pm. Please wait in the school playground and a member of staff will collect the children in the morning and walk the children to you at the end of the day.

#### Snack

In Hurricanes, snack is provided. If you would like you are welcome to provide your child with a snack however, it is encouraged that the children have a **healthy** snack for break time. Please remember however, we are a nut free school.

#### Forest School

This term we are doing Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure children come in the correct clothing as the children are sure to get wet and muddy!!

#### PE

Our PE day will be Friday and the children are allowed to attend school wearing their PE kit on this day. We will have PE in the hall and will be doing gymnastics this term.

#### Reading

Reading at least 5 times a week is expected and children will be rewarded with dojo points. Please sign their reading records so that we can reward their fantastic effort! Comments about their comprehension or any discussions you have had are really informative.

Reading records are to be brought in every day so that we can read with the children. They will be changed once a week. We are happy for children to supplement reading with their own books at home. These can be noted in the reading record.

#### Homework

Reading at least 5 times a week is part of homework. Children will also be sent home a piece of maths to complete. Homework needs to be handed in Monday morning and will be sent home Monday too. Please make sure to sign the homework slips to say children have completed it.

#### Class Dojo

You should have received a link inviting you to Class Dojo. This can be used to communicate with Class Teachers.



### What we are learning this term

Phonics and Maths will now be taught in Year groups. This half term, Miss Gibb will be teaching Year 1 and Mrs Weeks Year 2. This will swap after half term.

Maths this term for Year 1s and Year 2s will be looking at Place Value. In English, we are looking at the book 'Last Stop on Market Street'. We have an experience day coming up where Hurricanes Class are going to be travelling in class on a bus looking at the sights and listening to the sounds! Ticket attendants will be on the gates to greet the class.

Brize Norton Primary School have started a new phonics programme called Rocket Phonics. Sound mats will be sent home in home learning folders for children to practice.

This term we will be exploring Houses through time in History (Topic) with us sightseeing Brize Norton to see what houses we can see. A home learning task has been sent home and pupils will be presenting these the last week before half term!

Comparing explorers, Ancient Egypt along with Weather round the world and learning about the Continents will be other topics studied throughout the course of the year.

RE, ART and DT will be done as experience days so the children can really get into the subjects!

History, Geography, RE, ART and DT lessons are the same topic for both Hurricanes and Hercules but differentiated for each year group.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and we are confident that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child excel. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with us after school or make an appointment if you wish.

With my very best wishes for a successful year,

Miss Gibb  
Hurricanes Class Teacher