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Dear Parents,

Class Letter - Summer Term 2021

Welcome back to the Hurricanes class! It is a pleasure to see the children returned to school where we are able to continue to support them in their learning. Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Deegan and I would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed we have been with how well the children have settled back, despite another unexpected break from school. Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who supported and enabled the children to continue to make progress even whilst the majority were not able to attend.

Early Morning Activities

Our staggered start and end times of the day continue throughout the whole school to avoid a build up of people on the school grounds. Our class opens at 8.35am and finishes at 3.10pm. Please be prompt on arrival and collection to help with the flow of the school, and to avoid missing any learning within the classroom. If your child is attending a morning booster session, please aim to be on time for these too.

PE

This term our regular weekly PE session will continue to take place on Monday afternoons. Children come to school on their PE day in full PE kit, and their school sweatshirt. Please ensure they have suitable, outdoor trainers as all PE sessions will be outside.

Forest School and Wellington Boots

This term Hurricanes class will be having Forest School on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Rae. As with PE days, they should come to school in appropriate clothing; with the weather being changeable layers that can be put on or taken off as needed are sensible. They should also have wellingtons and waterproofs to put on. We have a lovely new wellie rack outside the classroom so if you wish to leave boots in school please do.

Homework and Reading reminder

Reading Records: We ask that the children read 5 times a week with an adult for 10-15 minutes, please record each time you have listened to your child read. Reading diaries and new reading books will be sent home every Friday and need to be returned the following Friday. Don't forget to use Oxford Owls and Reading Eggs to supplement your child's reading books.

Spelling tests continue to be on Friday so please support your child to practise and learn their spellings, which are sent home in Homework books on Monday.

In addition to reading expectations and spelling homework children will also receive weekly maths and occasional topic homework to reinforce their school work. Homework will be set on a Monday and needs to be completed and handed in by the Friday. Please assist and encourage your child to complete all the work given, this includes homework set online using Mathseeds or My Maths.

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Summer Term planned learning

PE: This half term we are going to be developing ball skills, throwing, catching and batting to play rounders. After half term break we shall be practising athletics.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education): This half term we are learning about Managing Risks. Next half term we will have our Relationships and Sex Education unit.

RE: This half term we are exploring the Christian Creation Story and how this teaches us to care for the environment. Next half term we will be learning more about the church and synagogue.

Computing: We are using Blue Bots and iPads to explore algorithms, coding and debugging.

Science: This half term we are going to be following some child-led investigations to support developing scientific skills. We will begin this with some exciting experiments, kindly supported by George's dad, to prompt children's enquiries. Part of the Easter homework was to begin thinking about this. Following this, we will have our final unit on *Weather and Seasonal Changes*.

History: *The Great Fire of London!* Thank you all for the amazing work you have put in to creating Tudor houses over Easter, they look brilliant! We shall be displaying them in the classroom to enjoy for a couple of weeks before disaster befalls!

Geography (after half term break): Following on from previous learning about the United Kingdom and maps, our next geography topic will be *Seven Continents and Five Oceans*.

As always, we strive to make learning interesting, fun and engaging for children. As we recover from the global pandemic we aim to be able to provide a wide range of opportunities to enhance the curriculum. If you feel you have a particular area of expertise linked to our planned learning please let me know, as it is always lovely to welcome shared learning experiences in the classroom or support to enable experiences outside of school.

Attendance

Finally, we would like to remind you of the importance of regular attendance at school, whenever possible. Our target is 95% because it has been proven that children who attend less than this can suffer damage to their education. 95% attendance is still the equivalent of 2 weeks missed learning over the year. Children who attend fewer than 90% of sessions can find this having a serious impact on their learning, because that is the equivalent, over a year, of 4 weeks missed learning, or 100 missed lessons.

Yours sincerely
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Class 1 Timetable Summer 2021

	Phonics	Maths			Literacy			pm 1	pm 2	
Monday			Break	Snack and story		Lunch	Handwriting and reading	PE		PSHE
Tuesday					Forest School (AR)					
Wednesday		Italian			Maths			RE	Computing	
Thursday					Science					
Friday					History/Geography			Class reflection	Shine assembly	