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Dear Parents,

Class Information – January 2022

Welcome back Hurricanes!

The purpose of this letter is to communicate a few key information points for this term. Our teaching assistants in the classroom will now be Mrs Webb on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Mrs Mulcahy on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, plus Thursday afternoons with Miss Kearvell to support listening to children read and change reading books; therefore, we are changing the **day for checking reading folders to Thursday**.

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 folders (with diaries and new books) will be sent home every Thursday and need to be returned the following Thursday. If your child requires new books before this please just let one of us know in the morning. Don't forget to use Oxford Owls to supplement your child's reading books. (If you are not familiar with this free on-line library please ask).

Spellings: As a whole school we are making some changes to the way we teach spelling. We will still be telling you what we are learning in spelling, and it would be wonderful if you could find time to practise with your child. However, we will no longer be doing a weekly spelling test as it can put undue pressure on children without actually improving their learning.

Homework: In addition to reading expectations and spelling practice children will continue to receive maths and occasional homework linked to other subjects to reinforce their school work. Homework will be sent home 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.

Early Morning Activities

School begins at 8.40. Please be prompt on arrival (and collection) to help children be prepared and ready for lessons and avoid missing any learning within the classroom. Children should say goodbye to parents at the blue gate outside our classroom and come into class independently, where they will put away their belongings before beginning their morning activities straight away.

A note on bags and pencil cases

Due to restricted cloakroom space, please can I request children bring a **rucksack large enough to carry everything** they may need that they are able to hang on their peg. This should be large enough for the A4 plastic wallet we provide to protect reading records, their snack pot, water bottle and lunch box if required. Children are not required to bring in a pencil case or stationery as everything they need is provided in their individual table tray, however, if they chose to bring in a pencil case from home can I please ask that these do not include felt tip pens or pencils with erasers or embellishments on the ends that may impede writing. In line with school policies, children are not permitted to use erasers to correct their work as we use our 'purple polishing pens' so please do not send these in pencil cases.

Snack Time

To help promote healthy eating children should bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables only for morning snack, this should be brought in a named plastic box or bag as children will be storing their snack in their drawers. Please provide your child with a named bottle of water which they will have access to during the day. Children in Key Stage 1 continue to receive free fruit each day for the afternoon snack time.

PE

Our PE sessions will continue to take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Wednesday PE sessions for Year 1 will be led by Mrs Rae; children should come to school in outdoor PE kit, suitable trainers and their school sweatshirt. Year 2 will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons. Our Friday PE

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sessions will be indoors. We will not be changing but will be removing shoes and socks so children should be able to put these on by themselves please.

Spring Term planned learning

| | <i>Spring 1</i> | <i>Spring 2</i> |
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| Science | Animals including Humans – senses | Big Science Event – Questions and investigations |
| Geography | Compare weather in different places (Canada) | - |
| History | - | Medieval castles |
| RE | Hinduism - Holi | Easter – Easter story, last supper, Passover and communion |
| Computing | Coding: Moving a robot / Robot algorithms | Creativity: Animation - Lego stop motion |
| Art/ Design and Technology | Art: Comparing artists – Clemintine Hunter (1886-1988) and Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) | Art: Medieval Art/ Culture (stained glass windows) |
| PSHE | Family and friends | Rules, rights and responsibilities |
| Music | Carnival of the Animals | Sounds/ Human Body percussion (exploring sounds) |
| PE | Outdoor: Netball Indoor: Dance | Outdoor: Tag Rugby Indoor: Gymnastics |

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, at the start of this new year, 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

Bridget Winter
Hurricane Class

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Hurricanes Timetable Spring 2022

| | Phonics/ Spelling | English | | | Maths | | pm 1 | pm 2 | |
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| Monday | | | Snack and story | Break | | Lunch | Handwriting | History / Geography | PSHE |
| Tuesday | | | | | Science | | | RE | |
| Wednesday | | Y2 Italian | | | Y1 PE (outdoor) | | | Y1 Italian | |
| Thursday | | | | | Y2 Swimming | | | | |
| Friday | | | | | Computing | | | Music | |
| | | | | | | | PE (indoor) | Class reflection | Shine assembly |

(Art/ DT are taught separately on allocated days at the end of each term)

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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| ❖ Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day. | ❖ Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day. | ❖ Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day |
| ❖ 3,600 minutes per school year. | ❖ 900 minutes per school year. | ❖ 180 minutes per school year |
| ❖ 1,800,000 words per year. | ❖ 282,000 words per year. | ❖ 8,000 words per year. |
| ❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests. | ❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests. | ❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests. |
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If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.