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Tiger Class – Learning Overview for Parents – Autumn 2020

Monday 7th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to offer a warm welcome to all of our children and their families, new and old, as we start the autumn term here in Tiger class. We hope that you have all managed to make some lovely memories over the summer and have had some good quality family time together. We look forward to the children sharing their summer adventures with us.

As we start our new school year, our aim in Tiger class is to make the children's learning as exciting and fun as possible whilst keeping within any current government guidelines. We will continue to reinforce the need to stay safe in school by regular hand washing, sanitising and maintaining appropriate distances where required. This first half term your child will be learning many new things as well as growing and maturing socially and academically. We start our learning journey this year with a topic called 'The Magic Train Ride' which we will introduce once the children have settled in. Our magic train ride will take us on a journey where the children will be provided with opportunities to learn about a range of different animals.

Weekly information

Your child's teacher for this year will be Mrs Hancock who will be assisted by Miss Ellis. We really value parental support and the impact it can have on a child's academic development, however if you have any concerns then please contact us so we can discuss these with you. Under current conditions, face to face contact between parents and teachers is very limited so if you need to get in touch, please use your child's reading record or by emailing or telephoning the school.

Forest School

Forest School will be on a Friday afternoon and is led by Miss Ellis, supported by Mrs Glass. The children will need fewer layers of clothing to begin with whilst the weather is warm but will continue to require coverage of arms and legs and sun hats for protection. A light waterproof coat and trousers will be needed at all times, as the weather can be changeable. Miss Ellis has been successfully delivering Forest School experiences to our children for many years and is an experienced practitioner which enables a lot of fun learning to take place during their lessons. A letter confirming the exact Forest School kit will be sent out from Miss Ellis within the next week.

PE

A sports coach will teach PE to the Tiger class on a Tuesday morning. As the weather continues to be warm, please could your child have their PE kit in school at all times. Please also include a pair of socks for when your child starts to wear tights as the weather cools.





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Reading Books

Year One children will read daily either individually or in groups. Their books will be changed depending upon their comprehension of the text. Please could you make sure that your child has their reading book in their Book Bag every day. It is lovely to read comments made in the yellow record book how children are reading at home, so please continue to record your comments when your child has read with you.

Reception children will be provided with reading opportunities once they have settled into school. The majority of children will start with picture books which encourage discussion and imagination however if your child is already an emerging reader a word book suited to their level will be provided. The children will be encouraged to create their own stories from the pages and begin to predict what may happen next. Whilst sharing books we will focus on the correct way to hold a book, turn pages and care for books.

Homework

Year One children will have a 'pic and mix' style homework set each half term with a range of tasks related to the learning taking place in the classroom. The homework will help deepen the children's understanding of different areas of the curriculum as well as offering children the opportunity to make some independent choices within their learning. Children should also be encouraged to read daily at home and talk about what they have read with an adult, to support their developing literacy skills.

Reception children will not initially have set homework, however we feel that in order to help support your child's literacy skills, it is important to read and share a book at home daily. Once we start our Phonics lessons, we will be sending home a letter formation book to support the children's learning. If you are able to support your child at home with these, this would be very helpful; however we do understand how tiring it is starting school and your child may not be ready to complete extra tasks at home at this point in the year.

Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water often in class and they are welcome to refill their bottles once emptied during the day. Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. It is important that water bottles are filled before the children come to school, so that we have plenty of time for our morning tasks. Please ensure your child takes their water bottle home at the end of each day to be washed, and please do not send your child in with any fruit squash as we only allow water in the classrooms. This is for health reasons as well as hygiene. If the bottle gets spilt the liquid can damage resources as well as encouraging ants.

We look forward to an exciting start to our school year with many engaging and creative activities planned for the children.

Yours sincerely,





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