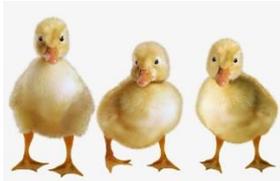




*'Learning at its heart'*

NEW STREET,  
BRET FORTON  
EVESHAM  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
WR11 7JS  
Telephone: 01386 830418  
Email: [office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk)

## Duckling Class- Year R and 1 – Learning Overview for Parents



### Autumn term 1 2021

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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 the Duckling class. We start our learning journey this year with a topic called 'Here We Are' which is based on the beautiful book by Oliver Jeffers. This topic provides the opportunity for the children to explore themselves, their new friends and the world around them.

#### Our School Week

Your child teacher for this term will be Mrs Hancock assisted by Miss Ellis. From Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, the children will have a morning PE session with a sports coach. These sessions will be held outside - please make sure your child has their full kit with them, including a spare pair of socks for girls if they are wearing tights.

#### Forest School

This term, Duckling class will have a Forest School session on a Tuesday afternoon. These will begin on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure that your child has their forest school kit with them every Tuesday. Miss Ellis will send out a letter with further details about this in due course.

#### Reading Books

Reading books will be sorted out within the first week back at school for the year 1 children. Please could you support us by reading with your child as often as possible, ideally daily. Please sign your child's home reading record each time your child reads at home, adding the page number so that we know where to pick up from when your child is reading in school. Please talk to your child about what they have read so they can show their understanding of the text. In school, we will teach the strategies that enable your child to read for meaning but the more your child practises these skills out of school, the more confident they will become. If your child has finished their book and has not had it changed, please take the opportunity to listen to them reread it.

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.





*'Learning at its heart'*

NEW STREET,  
BRETFORTON  
EVESHAM  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
WR11 7JS  
Telephone: 01386 830418  
Email: [office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk)

### Homework

Initially, the year 1 children will only have spellings to learn each week, and these will be tested every Friday. Spellings tests will be recorded in books which will be sent home every Friday, so that you can track your child's results each week, and practise any that your child got wrong. Year One children will be having a 'Pick and mix' style homework set which will commence later this term.

Reception children will not 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.

### Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water often in class. 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. The children are welcome to refill their bottles if they finish them before home time. Please ensure your child takes their water bottle home at the end of each day to be washed, and do not send your child in with any fruit squash - on the one hand, when spilt, it can cause damage to children's books but there is also evidence that drinking squash from water bottles can cause damage to developing teeth and gums.

As ever, we very much appreciate your support as we work together to develop your child's learning but if you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you need to get in touch, please use your child's reading record or email or telephone school.

We look forward to working with your child once again.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hancock

