



Year 1/2
2024-2025
Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a super busy and fun-packed summer holiday! We are all very excited about the term ahead of us, it is certainly going to be fun. The children have settled into The Sett well and we are enjoying getting to know each other a little more every day. The adults in our class this year are Mr Bush, Mrs Bush, Miss Saunders and Miss Mckenzie-Rock

Teaching and Learning

Our topic for this term is called 'Marvellous Me'. We are in the 'create' section of our courageous curriculum meaning that this term the children will have plenty of time to explore their creativity and have endless fun with their learning. A separate letter detailing what the children will be learning this term will be sent out after our 'meet the teacher'.

Our aim is to hear the children read twice a week in class and we will change their books once a week (if fluent). We do encourage your child to read at least 3 times at home; once for decoding, once for fluency and one time for their fluency. Reading really is at the heart of all our learning! Please do make sure your reading diaries are always kept in your child's bag. If the wrong book does end up coming home, please send me a message on Dojo just in case we don't check the reading diary during the day.

I can't emphasise enough how important it is that children are reading at home. Reading will support your child in so many other aspects at school, therefore we really do encourage you to read at home with your children as often as possible. If your child is reading to you, encourage them to use their phonics knowledge and apply this within their reading. It is important for the children to read HFW words 'just like that' without decoding them, so this is something you can work on at home too! We will support the children with recognising digraphs within words (2 letters that make 1 sound) e.g., **sh**-e-d, children need to identify the digraph, rather than reading the word as s-h-e-d.

SMART Apps

Please also remember to make use of the SMART apps that we subscribe to as a school: Reading Eggs and DoodleLearning.

DoodleLearning has four separate apps: DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and DoodleTables. The children's DoodleLearning login is the same for all the apps, and they're all great to help practise their learning from school and fill any gaps. The KS2 children who do these everyday are our highest attaining children so it's definitely worth the effort if you would like your child to do as well as possible.

I will do my best to post on Dojo as often as possible, but I can't promise it will be done every day.

If you ever have any concerns or worries, please pop me a message on Dojo or you can email me, and we can arrange a meeting to get your worries resolved.

Thank you for continued support and I am looking forward to the exciting and busy term ahead of us!

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