

September 2017

Dear Parent/ carer,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Sticklebacks class and give you some information to help with settling back into the new school year.

### PE Kit

PE during term 1 is timetabled for Monday and Friday. Your child's kit every day just in case these sessions change for any reason. Please navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and appropriate warm clothing for going outside and that all items are clearly named. Feel free to take your child's kit home on a Friday if it needs washing but do please remember to send it back in on a Monday. PE days may change in term 2.



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### Homework

Homework is set on a Tuesday and due in the following Monday. Children will be set one piece of English and one piece of maths a week which will be sent home in a purple exercise book.

### Cloakroom

Please continue to drop your child off outside the cloakroom. This is for health and safety reasons, as well as to ensure that your child is responsible for putting their own belongings away and to develop their independence.



### Water bottles and snacks

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle as drinks from the water fountain are only available during break and lunch times. Fruit snacks will be provided by school at break time. Children can have this in addition to their snack from home or as a replacement.



### Reading

Reading is a fundamental part of your child's education and we would encourage you to hear your child read as often as possible. Whilst hearing them read, it is also useful to discuss the book with your child in order to check their understanding of the story. Please write in their yellow reading record book when you hear them read and encourage them to put their reading books in the box outside the classroom door every morning, so that we can check whether they need to change their book. We would like children to read a book twice before changing it to ensure that any unfamiliar words are consolidated before moving on.



### Library Books

Children will be visiting the school library weekly, usually on a Tuesday although this is subject to change. They will be able to choose one book in addition to their usual reading book. Please encourage your child to share the book they have chosen with you and return it to school in time for the following week's session.

### Topic

Our topic this term is 'Fire and Ice'. We have already had a mini topic about C.S. Lewis and his Chronicles of Narnia books during the first three days back. Our 'home corner' has been transformed into Narnia where the children can experience going through the wardrobe into the magical land. We will be reading texts about polar animals and writing non-fiction books about them. We will learn about the Great Fire of London after half term in history.

Our science unit will be based on everyday materials and their uses.



### Spelling and Phonics Lists

Look out for a pack of word lists and phonic sounds in your child's book bag. These were discussed at the Meet the Teacher evening this week. If you have any questions about these lists or anything else, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We are looking forward to the new term and all the new learning opportunities and challenges ahead.

Mrs Ejiohu, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Clayton and Mrs Ashdown