

Dear Parent/ carer,

September 2016

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 Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child's kit needs to be in school every day just in case these sessions change for any reason. Please ensure that they have 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.



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 to ensure that your child is responsible for putting their own belongings away and also 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 in the classroom 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.



Topic

Sticklebacks will be learning about Transport in our 'Trucks, Trains and Tyres' topic this term. We will be reading lots of transport based texts such as Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Mr Gumpy's Outing, The Train Journey and The Hundred Decker Bus and our English each week will focus on a different text. We will be finding out about the history of transport, in particular the history of the motor car when we go on our school visit to the British Motor Museum at Gaydon on Thursday 15th September. Our science unit will be based on everyday materials and their uses.



Wellies

Please could you send a pair of wellies into school. We plan to use our outdoor area as much as possible and this may become wet and muddy as the Autumn Term progresses. We will also still be using the Outdoor Classroom where this fits into our learning.

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 Ejiogu, Mrs Ledo, Mrs Cherrington and Mrs Clayton