



STRETHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. We are pleased to report that the children in Rabbit Class have already settled into their new class very well. We hope this letter provides you with some key information for the year ahead.

Teaching Staff

In Rabbit Class, the children will be taught by Mrs Connolly on a Monday and Tuesday and by Mrs Dunham on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. On a Wednesday, they will also have Mrs Bowen for Computing and Mr Cox, from Premier Sport, for PE. On a Friday afternoon, the children will be taught by Mrs Oakman. The children in Rabbit Class will also be supported by teaching assistant, Mrs Twitchett.

PE kits, water bottles and wellies

PE will be taught on a Monday and a Wednesday, but we ask that the children's PE kits are left in school on their peg at all times. Please ensure children are not wearing earrings (or that they can take them out independently) and have long hair tied back on PE days. During this half term, PE on a Monday will be swimming. We also kindly ask that every child has a pair of named wellies left on the rack outside the classroom, as the playing field gets quite muddy in the wetter weeks. Children in Year 2 will continue to receive a fresh fruit snack at morning break time. Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school, even if they have a school dinner.

Reading

One of the most valuable activities you can do with your child at home to support them with their learning is to read with them. Children will have the opportunity to change their reading books every day if they need to. Please ensure your child has their reading book and blue reading record in school every day. Do let us know how your child is progressing with their reading at home; we value the comments you make in the reading records, as they help us build a better picture of your child as a reader. The children will also have the opportunity to select a book from our school library and bring that home to share with you. Please ensure these books are returned to school when

you have finished with them. As with a public library, there are charges for lost or damaged books.

Homework

Your child will be given a 'Learning Log' very soon, complete with a list of tasks to be completed at home this term. There is an element of choice and it is up to you when your child completes the work. The list of tasks will also be posted on the website. Ideally, Learning Logs should remain at home and pictures of the children's work uploaded through Seesaw. We will aim to look at the uploaded work on a Wednesday. If you have any difficulties with your Seesaw account, please email the office. If you are unable to upload a picture of your child's work on Seesaw, we will look at it in their Learning Log.

Website

On our class page (accessed via the school website) you will be able to find other useful information such as our termly overviews and a spelling list for Years 1 and 2 (as specified in the National Curriculum). We do aim to update our class page every week with photos and details of the learning that week so take a look and enjoy!

We hope this letter has answered any questions you may have had but, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to meeting many of you soon and working together to best support your child with their development and learning.

Best wishes

Mrs Connolly and Mrs Dunham