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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 Yeoman on a Monday to Thursday and by Mrs Bowen on a Friday. On a Wednesday, they will also have Mrs Bowen for Computing and Premier Sport, for PE. On Monday and Thursday alternate afternoons, the children will be taught by Mrs Oakman and every other Thursday morning they will be taught by Mrs Swann. The children in Rabbit Class will also be supported by teaching assistant, Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Newton. This may seem a lot to get your heads around but the children soon get into the rhythm of it and enjoy the variety it provides them.

PE kits, water bottles and wellies

PE will be taught on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, but we ask that the children's PE kits are left in school on their peg at all times. This half term we will have swimming instead of PE on a Tuesday so please ensure you send your child with a swimming kit on a Tuesday.

PE kit for use within PE lessons, to include:

- black/ navy shorts
- a blue or white t-shirt
- a pair of socks (in addition to the socks or tights worn to school by your child)
- trainers (or black plimsolls, we will be using the field so they must have a change of shoes)
- tracksuit bottoms and warm top/jumper for outside sports

On PE days, please ensure children are not wearing earrings (or that they can take them out independently) and have long hair tied back.

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. For OPAL

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lunchtime the children also need waterproof trousers to use the sandpit and/or mud kitchen.

Children in Year 2 will continue to receive a fresh fruit snack at morning break time. Please also 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 on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if they need to. Please ensure your child has their reading book and blue reading record in school every day. They will be regularly checked, so please do let us know how your child is progressing with their reading at home. We encourage you to read daily with your child, including reading to them and recommend at least 10 minutes a day. 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 class SeeSaw. 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.

Date for Your Diary

Thursday 8th October at 9:00am. We will be holding a Phonics Information Meeting for parents and carers of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about our Twinkl Phonics scheme, how we teach phonics in school, and how you can support your child's phonics learning at home.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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 are available at the end of the day on the classroom door to help with anything we can. If at any point you require a meeting with us please either arrange it with us in person or email the office and they can set it up.

Best wishes

Mrs Yeoman and Mrs Bowen

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