



Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday break and your child is looking forward to an exciting year ahead in Year 1.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure they make admirable progress and enjoy their year in Tigers' Class.

Mrs Norden will be our Teaching Assistant, she will be with us most lessons: supporting the children in class and delivering interventions. On Monday afternoons (2.30pm - 3.15pm) Mrs Norden and Mrs Cannon will together teach the class RE and on Friday afternoons teach Art and PSHE.

We are also fortunate to have Mrs Washbrook working with us this term as she trains to become a teacher.

Our Topics

This half term in English we will be learning about the Traditional Tale – The Tree Little Pigs.

In Maths we will be learning about; shapes, to count partition & calculate, add & subtract and how to investigate problems.

In Geography we will be reflecting on our summer holiday and discussing the location of the different places we visited. We will identify the oceans and continents of the world. If you would like to send in any photos or artefacts from the places you visited, I am sure the children would love to see them.

In Science we will be comparing objects and what materials they are made of.

Our History topic this term is 'Toys'. We will be looking at toys our grandparents played with in the past. If you know of someone who could share their experiences/ artefacts to enrich our curriculum, please contact me or Mrs Norden. The children love to hear their stories.

To help keep your child hydrated throughout the day we strongly advise that they bring a freshly filled (and named) **water bottle** to school every day. They will be encouraged to drink from their bottle and top it up if necessary.

Please **NAME ALL ITEMS**. In Tigers' Class we encourage children to become independent by looking after their own belongings and gathering all their items at the end of the day. It helps them (and us!) if all items are named. Thank you.

Physical Education

On Mondays and Thursdays we will be doing PE. However, please can you ensure your child has a complete PE kit in school all week. A full PE kit includes; black shorts, a white t-shirt, plimsolls/ trainers, and for colder days; a tracksuit. Please remember that jewellery (including earrings) must NOT be worn for PE, and that your child must be able to remove items independently if worn to school that day.

Homework

Your child will have received a learning log containing their reading record and homework book. Please make sure your child brings this into school EVERYDAY. It will be kept in your child's drawer so it can be accessed throughout the day. If your child needs to change their book, please can you remind them to put their reading book in the 'Books to be changed' box in the classroom. We will then ensure your child's book is changed when they have finished reading it.

Please hear your child read as often as possible and record their progress by making comments in their reading record. We will endeavour to listen to your child read regularly in class and record our notes in our own class reading file.

Homework tasks are listed in the front of your child's homework book. You will also find useful information about age related expectations for reading, writing and maths; as well as our knowledge organisers for Science, History and RE; to help you reinforce and support your child's learning at home.

We look forward to teaching your child this year and working in partnership with you, to ensure they have a successful year in Tigers' Class. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.