

Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

'Inspired to learn, inspired for life'



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Dear Parents

May we take this opportunity to welcome you to our class. Our topic for this half term is 'On the Road'. We have lots of exciting things planned and look forward to a very successful year.

Please find below some of the key messages as we begin a new academic year.

- 1) Please continue to read at home every night with your child. It really does make a difference to their education! Reading certificates will continue to be handed out on Friday for those children who read every night. Half termly certificates will also be handed out during Friday assembly for those children who read every night for half a term and a whole term.
- 2) The year 1 children and some of the year 2's will continue to follow the phonics program, Read, Write Inc. and take the phonics test at the end of the year. Once off this they will follow a spelling and grammar program in line with the National Curriculum.
- 3) Key words will be sent out to either read or spell. They will be assessed at least every half term.
- 4) Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle into class each day.
- 5) PE kits should remain in school from Monday to Friday. A school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts, spare socks and trainers. Long hair must be tied back so, if this applies, please provide hair bands.
- 6) Please label all clothes including PE kits with your child's name. Items rarely get lost if they have a name in them!
- 7) Home learning will be set on a Friday and, unless stated otherwise, will be expected to be handed in on the following Thursday.
- 8) Accelerated Reader will continue to run in KS1 for those children who are almost or who have finished the colour book bands. It is expected that once a book has been read at home they will carry out a small comprehension quiz in school to check their understanding.
- 9) Please continue to check our class blog on the website. We update them regularly with information and photos.
- 10) Golden time will continue every Friday for half an hour. Your child is welcome to bring in a toy or a game for this time. The children will have the opportunity to earn any lost time back before Friday.

Please don't hesitate to contact us after school or through the school office, if you have any concerns or queries. We look forward to a happy and productive term!

Thank you for your support

Mrs Bower, Mrs Booth and Mrs Welch