

# Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

## 'Inspired to learn, inspired for life'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer holidays and enjoyed the sunshine when it was out and about. May we take this opportunity to welcome you to Key Stage One and our new class. Our topic for this half term is 'Fire! Fire!' We have lots of exciting things planned including a trip as well as an opportunity before half term for you to come into the class to have a look at your child's work.

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

- 1) Please can we encourage you 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 a Friday for those children who read every night.
- 2) The year 1 children and some of the year 2's will continue to follow the phonics program, Read, Write Inc. and year 1 as well as retakes will 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. Year 2 children will be working towards achieving the Year 2 curriculum in which they will sit tests in May for both reading and maths.
- 3) Home learning will be set on a Friday and, unless stated otherwise, will be expected to be handed in on the following Thursday. There is an expectation that all children complete home learning as it consolidates and support work in school and home learning will be monitored.
- 4) Key words will be sent out to either read or spell. They will be assessed at least every half term.
- 5) Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle into class each day.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Please label all clothes including PE kits with your child's name. Items rarely get lost if they have a name in them! We will be checking this next week and labelling any items of clothing that do not have names in.
- 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 a few times 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.

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, Miss James and Mrs Giffard