



Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

'Inspired to learn, inspired for life'

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! The autumn term is well under way and the children are settling back into the school routine really well. We thought you may appreciate a summary of the information sent out so far and to help answer those small but essential questions you may have!

- 1) You will have already received your child's Reading Diary. This is intended as a reading record to log every time your child reads at home. Your child is asked to read at home every night as part of their home learning. A record of reading at home is kept in school and rewards are given weekly for consistent reading. We regard reading as fundamental to your child's academic development and ask for your help in supporting us. We recommend 10 minutes a day.
- 2) Your child is free to bring a water bottle into class filled with water.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Please label **all** clothes including PE kits with your child's name. Items rarely get lost if they have a name in them!
- 5) Home learning will be set on a Friday and, unless stated otherwise, will be expected to be handed in on the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to do their home learning independently, as this is an important habit to develop, but of course if your child needs support then don't hesitate to give it. If your child is struggling and is unable to complete the home learning then please just drop a note so we can offer support.
- 6) You will receive your child's current spelling list. All highlighted spellings are those that your child already knows. Please help your child over the course of the term to learn to spell some of the others. Please take a selection at a time, not the whole list! We will be periodically testing them and will send you home an updated list each new term.
- 7) Our learning starts directly after the register, which is taken at 8.55 am. Children who arrive late are missing important information and part of the first lesson. Therefore could you please make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time, thank you.

Our topic this Autumn term will be 'Sticks and Stones'. The children will be learning what life was like from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. This will involve creating Stone Age tools, Cave Paintings, a replica of Stonehenge and a variety of other artefacts.

We hope this has answered some immediate questions you may have. Please never hesitate to speak to us, either in the morning or after school. If it is a more delicate matter, please contact us through school for a phone chat or make an appointment. We are looking forward to a happy and productive year.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Shears, Mr Ward and Mrs Hall