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### Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian.

I hope you have enjoyed a pleasant summer break and that your child feels refreshed and ready to go! There are always so many new things to learn in these first few days of school, but we will do our best to ensure your child has a happy and memorable start to school life.

#### Staffing

This year I will be continuing to work alongside Mrs Louise Midgley, who is a very experienced Teaching Assistant and has been working in Early Years with me for a number of years. Another teacher you will be seeing on a regular basis is Mrs Lucie Rowntree. She has been a member of staff in our school for many years and she will be teaching the class on Wednesday afternoons, whilst I take my statutory P.P.A. (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time.

#### Our Learning

**Detailed curriculum content on these can be found in the Thematic Overviews and Long Term Curriculum plans on the Reception page of the website.**

#### First Half Term

- Topic- Paws, Claws and Whiskers!
- Harvest and Autumn

As part of this, we would love to have some visits from a variety of different pets! If you can oblige, please let me know.

*Please note, that due to the nature of the Early Years curriculum, we prefer to follow the interests of the children and this greatly enriches their learning experiences. For this reason, the 'planned' topic is used as a loose framework only. Please be assured that the same learning objectives are covered, whatever the topic!*

#### Useful Resources to Support Learning

- Please refer to our Reception page on our school website for a useful list of educational websites to help your child's learning

- Any books or resources relevant to topics would be gratefully received ( borrowed)

### Appointments

- On my Parent Noticeboard in the classroom you will find an appointment sheet. My days for appointments are Mondays. If you would like to see me to discuss your child's progress and development, please sign up on this sheet, or if it is anything more urgent, then please come and see me at any other mutually convenient time.
- If you wish to contact me through our school email, then my email address is [caroline.gilderdale@dunnington.yorkschoools.net](mailto:caroline.gilderdale@dunnington.yorkschoools.net). I usually try to check this on a daily basis.

### Class Routines

- We provide a snack during the morning. Milk, toast and fruit will be provided . Toast is 15p per day. Milk is free until your child's turns five years old. After that, it is 15p per day. Also, fruit is free to everyone. Parents now pay for this in a lump sum for a term/half term .Please consult the office staff if you have any queries. Please do not send your child with cash each day, as it becomes difficult for them, ( and us), to manage!
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL, SO IT ESSENTIAL THAT ANY PACKED LUNCHES THE CHILDREN MAY BRING IN DO NOT CONTAIN ANY NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO ANYTHING BROUGHT INTO THE CLASSRRROM, SUCH AS JUNK MODELLING BOXES. PLEASE CHECK ALL PACKAGING LABELS CAREFULLY. THANK YOU**
- Your child has also be issued with a water bottle. This is filled each day with fresh water. Bottles need to go home on Fridays to be washed. Please could you *refill it* and return each Monday.
- Our 'Show and Tell' is on *Wednesday* afternoons, so if your child wishes to bring **ONE** item, this can be brought in on that day. I will shortly be sending out the weekly themes for this, or you can see these on the website. For next week, your child may bring in any small item of choice!
- Our Dazzle the Dragon is on *Mondays*. This is where we celebrate a child's out-of-school achievement You will initially receive a slip about this in your child's book bag. Please complete and post it back into our Dazzle box. Parents are sometimes unsure about what to write, but it can be a very simple thing, such as '.....helped lay the table at home' , or' .....helped us with the gardening.' It is not necessary to do this every week, but as and when you feel appropriate. All slips are read out to the class and the 'dragon' with due ceremony! We keep some slips in class for you to collect as you need and they can also be downloaded from the school website ( found under the Reception page)
- P.E is on *Thursdays and Fridays*. Please make sure your child's PE kit is sent in on Mondays.

- Forest Schools is on *Tuesday afternoons*. Children will need to bring Wellington boots and a waterproof coat. These items can be kept permanently on pegs or brought in and out each week.

### **Important Dates**

**Reminders and further details of all these will be sent out via parent-mail**

### **Parents' Welcome evening**

The date for this is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm .Do come along to this adult session if you can, as it will be an invaluable time to discuss with me such things as class routines/ teaching of reading, phonics and mathematics and ways in which to help your child at home.

### **Topic Celebration**

This is an informal sharing of work we have done in this term's topic. It takes place in the school hall and is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.

### **Church Services, School assemblies, Performances and Party**

- School Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am. You are all welcome to attend. Also on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am is our Christmas service in church. Again, do please come along. The children always prepare something for these services, so it would be lovely to have your support.
- Every Wednesday at 9.10am, the infants hold their Birthday Assembly. This is a lovely occasion where each child who has just had a birthday can talk about how they celebrated his/her 'special day', show us one present, blow out candles and do a little birthday dance with some friends! If it is your child's birthday, you will be sent an invitation to join us for Birthday Assembly on the preceding week.
- Christmas performances. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, both at 2.00pm.

I do hope this letter has been helpful and informative. I appreciate that there is a lot to remember, so please do not hesitate in coming to see me with any concerns or questions.

I look forward to a busy and productive term with you all!

With very best wishes

Caroline Gilderdale