

# Welcome!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to school! We are absolutely delighted to see the children again. Some of our children were able to return to school before the summer holidays and some haven't been in school since lockdown was announced all those months ago so it's great to be together again and the children have coped wonderfully well with being back in school.

We thought it would be useful to share some important information with you now about some of the things you might have questions about and we will send out a curriculum newsletter during the next few weeks.

**PE** - will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** for Year 1 and Year 2. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

**Reading books** - we will begin to give reading books out next week. Reading books will be quarantined for 72 hours when they have been returned to school before being available again.

**Library** - our class libraries were very popular last year but we have decided that for now, children will still be able to choose books to read from the library but these will need to stay in school.

**Outdoor shoes** - we are planning to spend lots of time learning outside whatever the weather so please ensure your child has a suitable spare pair of shoes (wellies, walking boots, trainers) that can stay in school. Equally, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them in school every day. This does not need to be different to their usual coat.

**Spellings** - we will send spelling lists out next week for children to learn. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday.

Our first topic of the year is called **Let's Explore** and we will start by exploring and investigating ourselves, our school and the new routines. Lots of things are different from when your child was last in school and it is our aim that all children feel happy, confident and settled about being back again.

We appreciate that you may have questions, concerns and things that you would like to share with us about your children. Although we aren't able to welcome parents into school at the moment, we can be contacted by email or by phoning school and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

If your child has work that they completed during lockdown that they would like to share with a member of staff, please let us know and we can arrange a day for them to bring it in to show.

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Yours sincerely,

All infant staff