



Curriculum Newsletter

Year R Term 1 2024/25

Thank you for helping your child start school each day with a big smile. We know that it has been a huge step in all of your lives and making it a positive experience is so important. We have been really impressed with how quickly the children have already learnt new routines and new friends – long may this continue!

Attached to this email is our topic overview for the term. This gives you a brief outline of what we intend to teach this term. Please come and find us if you would like to know more.

As the children have settled into school so well, we have decided to start our **first PE day on Thursday 26th September**. Children will need to wear their PE kits to school so please bear in mind they will be wearing it all day, regardless of the weather. We will start P.E. in the hall this term and for safety reasons, the children will need to remove their own footwear and socks for the lesson. Therefore, please ensure your child can remove their own trainers and socks and put them back on again. _



If you have your child's **forest school** waterproofs and welly boots ready at home, these can come to school and be hung on the pegs ready for use. These will stay in school throughout the year.



We invite you to come to the school hall after drop-off on Thursday 26th September for a 10/15 minute chat around home learning. We will explain what this entails and how you can support your child at home. This will be a perfect opportunity for you to ask questions and look at your children's home learning packs for the first time.



On Thursday 21st November, from 9-10am we will be running a phonic

workshop for new reception parents/carers. This will also be held in the school hall and will be an opportunity for you to see what a phonics lesson looks like. You will be able to play some phonic games with your children afterwards and see how these simple activities can also be done at home to help reinforce their learning. If you are unable to attend but have a member of the family that would like to come along to the event, we welcome them too.

A small note on lunch boxes. If your child brings in their own lunch please bear in mind that some of our children at school suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box.



We also ask that you cut grapes in half to minimise any potential risk of choking and put only put water in drinks bottles (nothing flavoured) in order to protect teeth. We thank you for your understanding with this.

Finally, please remember that if you have any questions, feel free to speak with any member of SLT (Senior Leadership Team) or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

You can also contact your class teachers via the class email –

AntarcticaClass@gmail.org.uk. Please note that the class email account is not routinely checked during the school day, so if you have an urgent message, please contact the school office.

Year R Term 1 Key dates:

- First PE day: Thursday 26th September
- Parent meeting regarding home learning: Thursday 26th September after drop off in the school hall (doors will be open from 8.45am with a view to starting at 9am)
- Phonic workshop: Thursday 21st November, 9-10am in school hall