Class 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Class 1 (Reception)! I am so excited for the year ahead and am really looking forward to getting to know the children even better! I have been super proud of how the children have adapted to their new routine and how they have settled. I have been really impressed with how well the children have engaged with the staff so far and how happy they are to be in school!

**The School Day**

The children are expected to be on the playground at 8:40, Miss Phillips will be waiting for you at the bottom of the ramp outside Kindergarten, we will begin to line up the ramp in the morning and when the bell rings at 8:45 we will all enter the school. The children will be dismissed at 3:15 from the same place they were dropped off in the morning. When dismissing, please wait for me to send your child over to you to ensure everyone gets home safely! If children are late to school can they please go straight to the office.

**Our Week**

The children will be taught by Miss Phillips Tuesday-Friday and will have Mrs Newns as their class Teaching Assistant all week. On a Monday the children will have Mrs Brunet-Lua who will follow the same routines as Miss Phillips and will teach RE and Music in the afternoon. The children have already began to make wonderful relationships with the staff that will be working with them and we are looking forward to supporting them to grow and flourish.

**PE**

We will have PE lessons with Atlas Sports on Thursday morning, as well as Forest School on a Friday with Miss Phillips. The children also get lots of active breaks of dance and calming yoga throughout the school week. The children’s PE kit needs to be worn to school on Thursday and Friday and should include; a house coloured t-shirt (green, yellow or blue), black shorts and daps/trainers. As we enter the colder months, the children may want to wear leggings/joggers and a jumper/jacket. Can we ask that ALL items of clothing, footwear, water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly named to ensure items are not lost! We also ask that the children always have a coat with them at school in case of rain or cold weather.

**Homework**

Each child in reception will have their own homework pack which will be kept in their book bags. These will contain: tricky words, number cards, sound folder and sentence builders. Homework will be checked by staff on a Friday and the folders must be present in the children’s book bag daily. In that pack they will have common exception words: this is where the children learn to read words as part of ‘Letters and Sounds’ but also have buildable word cards to help them learn the most frequent words and allow them to construct simple sentences. The word cards are on two different colours high frequency words are in green and common exception words are on yellow, this allows the children to differentiate between them. It is helpful to the child’s development if these words are practised on a regular basis. They will also a have a pack of number cards in their homework wallets, these will be added to as the children consolidate their understanding of individual numbers. These cards are so that children can practice recognising numbers, ordering them, writing them and representing the given number in various different ways.

**Final Note**

We will use both Marvellous Me and Tapestry in Reception. This will let you see your child’s achievements in school and allow us to see those at home. Please ensure you have access to this as I will use it to send important updates and reminders! If I do not have you on tapestry I will be adding you this week. If you are unsure on how to use it please let me know and I can show you how to do so. Marvellous Me is used to allow you to see when children receive their house points and other awards, you will shortly be receiving a letter with your login and a guide on how it works. We will be hosting a Parent Workshop soon to explain more about teaching and learning in Reception. We will also have parent’s evenings later in the term to allow us to discuss your child’s progress. If you do have any concerns or questions before then, please always feel free to chat to me in the playground or email me at: lphillips@british.gloucs.sch.uk