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Friday 22nd April 2022

Dear Sheldrakes Families,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and fun Easter break and are settling back into the routine of school.

Welcome to the Summer Term; our last term together in Sheldrakes class. Whilst Covid 19 has caused us some disruption to your child's start of schooling life, I am certain, this term will end as a positive start to their first year in school.

We have started our week with the sun shining, lots of positive attitudes to learning and some excellent behaviour which is great. Thank you for ensuring your children are coming into school on time so that they are ready to start their learning promptly.

Safety in the Sun

A large part of our Early Years Curriculum is outdoor learning, therefore please ensure your child comes to school in a coat/jacket for when the weather is that little bit cooler. In complete contrast to this, hopefully the warmer weather is on its way, so please make sure that your children are suitably prepared, by applying sun cream in the morning, providing some sun cream for your child to apply later in the day and providing them with a named sun hat.

As children are much more likely to be discarding jumpers and cardigans throughout the day, please ensure that all your children's items of clothing are labelled clearly with their name. Permanent markers used to write the child's initials on labels are usually sufficient for this.

Learning

Our topic this half term is 'Where are we going?' and is based around stories relating to Space, Transport and Travelling. After half term, our topic will be, 'How does your garden grow?' and based on Summer, the Garden, Growing and Minibeasts.

The children are already working extremely hard in school and I know that they will continue to do so over the term. We will be focussing our learning on phonics, writing and feeling school ready to start Year One. However, the learning will still be fun, engaging and lots of play-based opportunities will be available.

The best way to support your children in their learning is to continue to make sure that they come into school every day on time, that you hear them read at least three times per week and support them with any other home learning that may come home. Plenty of sleep and breakfast every day is the most important part!

Sheldrakes Library

As of this term, we will be starting a Sheldrakes Library, which means your child will be able to borrow a book from our classroom to share at home. This book is not expected to be read by your child, however, it is an opportunity for you to share the story with your child and to promote a love of reading.

Your child may be able to recall facts and information and/or retell the story from the pictures. You do not need to write this in your child's reading diary and will not count towards their reading challenge. Please ensure your child is still reading their reading book.

Show and Tell

Over this term, we will be starting show and tell. This will enable your child to bring in something from home, whether this be a photo or something special to talk to the class about. This will be done on a rota basis. More details to follow.

Proud moments

We have a Proud Clouds wall just outside Sheldrakes classroom to help celebrate your child's achievements and special moments outside of school. Thank you for all of the photos and emails you have sent in already, please do continue to email in any certificates, photos and proud clouds for your child to share with the class.

Parent Helpers

I am delighted to say that we are now able to welcome Parent Helpers into the classroom. One or two of you have already expressed an interest in this, so please do speak to me and we can get this organised. If anyone else is interested in helping, please do let me know. Anyone wanting to help out will need to arrange a brief meeting, to discuss safeguarding, with Mrs Blackburne-Maze prior to starting.

Reminder

If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, I am always happy to speak with you. This can be by email or telephone, or for a longer discussion I will be happy to meet with you via TEAMS, you will be able to make an appointment via the school office.

With kind regards,
Mrs Shannon