



Pride in all we do

September 12th 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, we would like to welcome all old and new parents, guardians and children to Class Lyn. We hope that you have begun to settle in and look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks.

This year was also a big change for ourselves, moving classes, changing working hours and changing year groups. However, we are now starting to feel like we are getting somewhat organised and this letter should inform you of how the class day routines run and hopefully provide you with some of the answers to any questions you may have.

This term our History topic is **The Great Fire of London**. The children thoroughly enjoyed their wow day and we have already begun to learn about what happened back in 1666 in Pudding lane! We aim to plan a trip into Barnstaple to visit the brand new museum, fire station and library so watch this space! On the afternoon of Wednesday 27th November you are invited to our end of topic class assembly. More details to follow nearer the time!

1. Please provide the following equipment/kit for your child.

PE kit should be in school daily. At the end of every half term we will send it home to be washed ready for the start of the new half term. PE kit should arrive in school in a named bag/rucksack and should consist of a named house group coloured t-shirt, black/navy shorts and or leggings/tracksuit bottoms. Named trainers. School jumpers when the weather is cold will be worn whilst outside.

We encourage every child to bring in a reusable named bottle of water every week. Each child will be responsible for refilling throughout the week and sent home for washing on a Friday.

Please ensure your child has a coat to wear during every play/lunchtime as weather conditions change throughout the day.

2. Reading

Today, we have sent home in a named folder a parent/school reading record book, a levelled reading book appropriate to your Childs reading ability and a shared book chosen by your child from our school library.

We firmly believe reading aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Because reading helps improve their vocabulary, communication, and grammar skills, it ultimately improves their writing skills as well. In addition to hearing your child read it is also important to talk and ask questions about the story so that your child understands what is happening.

We are sure that you will join us in agreeing that 5 to 10 minutes of reading a night is more than manageable. Leaving a couple of minutes to ask some questions and complete the reading record book like the example Mrs Spears has given you today.



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If you have a yellow Reading Record you need to comment in the daily box and over the weekend encourage your child to complete the task on the opposite page.

If you have a green Reading Record book, please keep track of the books that you have read by completing the first page – BOOKS I HAVE READ as well as dating when you hear your child read and what page they are on next (see Mrs Spears example) If you do have any comments please feel free to add them here also. You will find throughout the record book a double page BOOK Review task – please complete as and when appropriate.

In addition to home reading, in school we will have individual reading with a parent, a teacher led guided reading session, comprehension activities and a class book on the go. We already have one parent offer to help with hearing readers but would be really grateful for anyone else that could spare an afternoon. If you think that this might be you – please pop in for a chat.

3. Snack Shack

Mrs Tapp, our school cook provides a range of snacks for playtime each day at the cost of 50p. If you would like your child to have a snack either, pop the money in the pocket of their book bag or provide a purse for their tray – please note your child will be responsible for their own money but we will remind them to get their money and line up ready just before play.

4. Spellings

The whole school approach to spelling is changing therefore a letter will be sent out in the near future with a revised individual spelling scheme and half termly test.

5. Homework

We ask that you complete just the daily reading with your child at this time. Spelling will be sent out in the near future and topic homework can be found on the attached plan.

6. Toys

We understand that some children like to bring in toys to show; therefore we will have a show and tell afternoon at the end of every half term. Please only allow your child to bring in their item at this time as we have had problems in the past with toys going missing and being broken. Wet play games are provided when the children cannot go outside for some much needed fresh air!

Finally, if you have any queries or questions a member of staff is always outside ready to greet the children every morning and to hand over at the end of the day – you are more than welcome to grab us then or phone the office to make an appointment.

Many Thanks

Mrs Gosling, Mrs Spears, Mrs Austin, Mrs de Rusett and Mrs Wilson – Class Lyn Team.



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