

Wyke Regis Primary Federation

Inspiring Hearts and Minds

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Dear Parents and carers.

Welcome to Year 1. The children are settling in really well and have been a pleasure to be around. They are getting to grips with the new routines and expectations and the days are just zipping by.

The whole team is so happy to be working together with such a great group of children. After several years of disrupted teaching we are all very excited at the thought of a whole year of uninterrupted learning.

The topic for this half term is 'Shiver Me Timbers', a pirate themed adventure with a historical and values-based purpose. We will be starting that learning journey next week. A topic web detailing what your child will be learning will be sent to you and a copy will be available on Tapestry to view also. After half term we'll be learning about transport in our topic, 'Planes, trains, automobiles and sleighs'. This is a well-established topic which leads us nicely into the Christmas period.

PE will be on a Wednesday every week. Please can you ensure that your child adheres to the Federation PE kit stipulations. These are black shorts or leggings, white T-shirt, black trainers and the purple Wyke Federation hoodie. We expect the children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please can you make sure all the kits are named.

Your child will be bringing home at least 2 reading books a week. They will be given books during their group Read Write Inc session on a Monday. The books will be changed the following week. We ask that you record the details of any reading on your child's *Go-Read* online account. We will be sending home copies of your child's *Go-Read* login information shortly. Please can you keep these diaries as up to date as possible as they are a great help to us in school when assessing your child's reading development.

Over the next few weeks we will also be sending home logins for several other applications which we use in school. Please login to these apps as they are a great way for us to work together on helping your child the most out of their time with us. Tapestry in particular is a great way for you to access what your child has been learning each day in school and for you to comment and add to their learning journey.

Thank you to everyone who has already done so but could we please remind you all to make us aware if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day. As time passes, your faces will become familiar but at the moment it would really help.

Although we have moved past the strict Covid regulations in school the children are still being asked to clean their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. This is teaching the children to be independent in recognising when is a good time to wash their hands as well as learning good hygiene habits. Fruit snacks are still being provided daily for your child to enjoy, but your child will still need to bring in a named refillable water bottle for their refreshment throughout the school day.

One last thing to remember – The weather is being particularly tricky to predict at the moment so please can you help us by ensuring that your child brings a named waterproof coat to school every day. The children love to learn outside and we don't want a little bit of drizzle to get in the way of our fun.

As always if you have any concerns or need clarification on anything please talk to your child's teacher at the start or end of the day.

Kind regards

Mr Brown

Year 1 Leader