



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. It was nice meeting you at parents evening and I feel I now know your child a little bit better as a result.

This week the children have started learning about their new topic, 'Sharks and Mermaids' and they have already shown a lot of interest. If you have favourite books at home connected with this theme we are more than happy to read and share them in class, so please bring them in. I am in the process of organising a school trip to the 'Blue Reef Aquarium' in Portsmouth, which will be very exciting for the children to see the amazing sharks and fish that we have been learning about in school. If any parents have an up to date DBS and are happy to join us as a helper, please let me know.

The children have settled into the new class routines which we introduced last term and are showing more independence organising their books into the daily reading box and taking homework out of bags and putting it away. Thank you for helping your child to bring in their book on the correct reading day. It helps our reading system to run more efficiently, which in turn benefits the children. If your child forgets to bring their reading wallet into school, please try and return it on the following day so that we can give out new books to read at home. We encourage all children to read daily at home so that they make steady progress and gain pace and fluency in their reading. This term we hope to give out many more certificates to reward the children for their home reading efforts. Last term I sent out a list of 'High Frequency Words' for the children to work through alongside their home reading. If you have mislaid these and would like a new set, please let me know.

Thank you for all the homework support you provided last term. This will continue to be given out on a Friday and will alternate with a Literacy task one week followed by a Numeracy task the next. Now and again your child may have homework connected to the topic theme. Please can you return the homework in your child's book bag by the following Wednesday.

P.E day is on a Tuesday and Friday so please can you ensure your child has a P.E kit in school for this day.

Over the next few weeks we will be working hard to improve our out- door area and get it organised and resourced for the lovely Spring weather. If you have any old equipment/resources that you are willing to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Please see the attached list for items that we need.

#### A few friendly reminders:

- Pupils need a drink in class and should bring a labelled water bottle daily. Please can I ask that only water and no squash is sent in?
- If your child brings in money for a fruit snack please can you make sure it is in a labelled envelope or purse so that it is not lost.
- **PE** will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** so please make sure that they have their PE kit in school for this day. Thank you!
- **Homework** – will be reading and a weekly English or Mathematics task.
- **Music** –Mrs Lee from Godshill Primary School, will be at our school every Wednesday to teach music and prepare for assemblies.
- **Children need to be on the playground for 8.40am** please for learning in the classroom to commence at **8:45**.

Do let me know if you have any questions, Kind regards, Mrs Evans