

# Fleggburgh C of E Primary School

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Welcome back!

We are all excited to be back in school and can't wait to settle everyone in to the new ways of working in school. There will be changes, and we are sure the children will soon adapt.

## **Staff in Emerald Class**

Miss Swinson and Mrs Yassin share Emerald Class. On Mondays and Tuesdays Miss Swinson teaches and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday it is Mrs Yassin.

Mrs Richardson is our full time teaching assistant in Emerald and also covers lunch duties.

Mrs Glover teaches the class PE and ICT and has a phonics group.

Mrs Bracey is our teaching assistant on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Miss Wollington is a teaching assistant that has a phonics group and also supports learning in the class.

## **Red Rocket Words**

Children in reception will be given 'red rocket words' to bring home to learn. Please spend a few minutes each day looking at these with your child. We will also send home a sound book so that they can show you which sounds they have learned in their phonics lessons. Children in year 1 and 2 should still have their set of red rocket words to practice. If you need a replacement set please let us know.

## **Homework**

Homework for children in year 1 and 2 consists of a phonics book, maths book and an English book. Children are expected to do a 'weekly workout' each week. They may need some support with these, especially to begin with. If they have found any parts particularly tricky, it is helpful if you note this in their books so that we are aware. Homework books must be handed in on Wednesdays.

## **Spellings**

Children in year 1 and 2 will have weekly spelling lessons to learn a spelling rule. They will be given spellings in a green spelling book every week. There are two spaces for them to practice their spellings in the book at home, then they complete the test in the next section so that they can share their results with you when they get home.

## **Reading**

Reading books will be changed weekly (in the same way as homework books) on Thursdays. We ask that you read daily with your child and complete the reading diary so that we know which books have been read. We hear the children read daily in phonics lessons as well as more formal reading sessions, but the children that read with an adult every day at home as well as in school make the best progress. This can be reading school reading books, magazines, comics –whatever interests them and don't stop reading to your child once they can read as hearing words helps them develop the vocabulary they will need when they encounter those words in their own books at a later point.

## **Forest Schools**

Forest Schools will be every Monday. Children will need to come to school dressed in appropriate clothes to spend the whole day learning outside. This may be sun hat and lotion, or many layers and waterproofs depending on what the weather brings! All children should have a pair of wellington boots in school. In the cold weather we recommend a padded all in one waterproof suit, which are available from Amazon.

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Children will need gloves (preferably waterproof) and a hat but no scarves – please ensure everything is named.

### **PE**

PE will be taught twice a week. We ask that children bring their PE kits to school on Mondays and leave them at school for the week. This way we will always have a spare set of clothes if needed and it will allow us to be flexible on which day we teach PE lessons and be flexible around the weather if necessary as all PE lessons will be outside. A warm tracksuit will be required.

### **Learning**

This term we will be learning about endangered animals and dinosaurs and we will be making our own memory boxes. We will be doing lots of work to settle the children in and help them to renew their bonds after this prolonged break. This year brings a new RSE curriculum, which will give us the opportunity to explore relationships and feelings.

We will continue to use PATHs to support teaching of feelings and will continue to have a weekly ‘Special Person’. When your child is the special person, they will be given a compliments certificate completed by their teacher, classmates and themselves and we ask that family members add their own compliments and return the certificate to school.

### **Doodle**

Every child has (or new pupils will be given) a Doodle password. This enables them to access DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and DoodleTables online. The Doodle programme is specifically tailored to each child and allows them to progress at their own speed. Spending time on these each week will benefit your child.

### **Top Marks Maths**

Another very useful website that we use in school is [www.topmarksmaths.co.uk](http://www.topmarksmaths.co.uk). It is brimming full of fantastic games to help children at every level practice the different skills in the maths curriculum.

### **Social Distancing**

With the current climate, we are operating under strict guidelines. This means that we as teachers are required to keep a two metre distance from the children. This will mean that the children will need to learn to be responsible for their own belongings as we will not be able to help them with coats and shoes in a way that we would have done in the past. Children must be able to do up their own shoes. Please help your child to develop these skills at home so that they are confident in school. Of course, if there is an accident or first aid is required, we have access to PPE so that we can safely attend to these.

This may seem like a lot to take in but we will soon get into the swing of things in our ‘new normal’. If you have any concerns or need to discuss anything with us, please contact the office. We can arrange a phone call or socially distanced meeting.

Mrs Yassin and Miss Swinson

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