



Dundry Primary School

September 2023

Dear parents and carers of children in Conifer Class

Welcome to a new school year! This letter explains briefly what to expect for your child this year. As always, if you need more information or you have questions please do not hesitate to talk to me at the end of the school day or to contact me via Dojo.

Our class team:

Mrs Cook is the class teacher and teaches everyday. Mrs Taylor will be our TA in the mornings and Mrs Elliott or Mrs Perrett in the afternoons. On a Tuesday, Mrs Cook will have a PPA afternoon and Mrs Maggs will teach the class this afternoon.

Our learning this year:

On our class webpage you can find a link to our long term plan for 2023/2024. This term we will focus on settling into school, learning about our routines and environment. Our topic is 'All about Me!' and we will be finding out about our different families, where we live, our pets, and our friends.

Reading books:

Children will be able to choose a book to take home to share with you. These are books that you read to your child. When they are ready, they will bring home a reading book on a Wednesday. Once we start phonics, children will bring home a sound book to practise their new sounds at home.

Our phonics page on the website has further information and a video to support you as parents to help your child read. We will also organise a phonics meeting later in the term when you will be able to find out how to support your children read at home.

PE:

Our class will have PE lessons every Friday. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on this day. Please ensure your child has the proper PE kit and is wearing suitable footwear.

We are aware that the PE T shirts have not yet arrived, so until they do, please send your child in wearing a plain T shirt (of any colour)

Outdoor Play and Learning:

Our children will play outside and will get messy!

They will need a coat in school every day as we use outside as much as possible - there is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes! If your child could also have a pair of wellies left in school, that would be useful too.

Trips, visitors and experiences this year:

We already have lots of exciting experiences planned, and many more in the pipeline! This term we will be having a visit from a builder!

Sharing our learning:

Our class Dojo Story will be posted on a Friday and you can celebrate learning in class as well as our newsletter. Each term a class will share their learning with the whole school in an assembly and you're invited to join us. Our class sharing assembly is in the Summer term. We will have two parents' evenings this year, one in November and one in March and our end of year reports go home in July.

How you can get involved:

We welcome parental involvement in whatever ways you can offer! If you are able to come into school to help you will need to undertake a volunteer induction and have an enhanced DBS check - but then you're free to help! You can help regularly such as to hear readers, or as one off occasions maybe to lead an art workshop or to help on a trip. We also really need you to support our PTA. You can help by attending the meetings where decisions are made, joining the committee or simply by turning up to events.

Communication:

As a school we have an 'open door policy'. It is always best to talk to us straight away if you have any worries, concerns or questions. I am available in class after school most days, or you can make an appointment via Dojo. Dojo is a very easy way to contact me. I operate 'quiet hours' but will get back to you as soon as I can. Our school newsletter is the main form of communication between school and home and it is essential that you take some time to read this each week. Lots of useful information about our school can also be found on our website.

We are very much looking forward to teaching your child this year.

Kind regards

Mrs Cook