



Dundry Primary School

Monday 9th September 2024

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 Bazeley is our full time TA. 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 2024/25. This term we will help the Reception children to settle into school, learning about our routines and environment. Our topic is 'Not all Superheroes wear capes!' and we will be finding out about people who help us – focusing on doctors and nurses, comparing the job of a nurse now to that of Florence Nightingale. Over the term, we will learn together and learn in our separate age groups to ensure all children's needs are met and the 2 different curriculums are covered.

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, though Year 1's may start reading these as well as the year goes on. When the Reception children 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 – Phase 2 for Reception and we will also send P5 sound book home with Y1's. 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 Reception phonics meeting later in the term when you will be able to find out how to support your children read at home. It is very important that the reading is done as a partnership between school and home. This means all children should be reading at home 4 times a week and a comment is written in the yellow home school book. For Reception, to start with, this will be a comment about how they enjoyed their share book and then later on, and the Year 1's, a comment about the reading of their school reading book.

Please make sure book bags are in school everyday – they are the best way to carry the books flat. We had a lot of damaged books last year, so will be charging £5 for any book lost or water damaged this year, so that we can replace them.

PE:

Our class will have PE lessons every Monday. 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 will use the playground and outside space to ride our bikes and scooters as our other session.

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.

Homework

Reading is the most important homework you can do with your children, as well as practising sound books and reading stories to them. Year 1 will also have a login to Doodle Maths so you can practise your maths at home.

Trips, visitors and experiences this year:

We hope to have lots of visitors and experiences over the year that will relate to our learning. Later on next year, we will also have a trip out.

Sharing our learning:

Our class Dojo Story will be sent out on a Friday (I call it the Friday Blog) It will celebrate the learning in class that week and show a few photos of what we've been up to. 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 You can share learning that your child completes at home through their Dojo as well. 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 share a skill or interest.

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 and Mrs Bazeley