



Hercules Class Welcome Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see all your smiley faces back in school again. The children are settling into their new class really well and are getting to grips with the routines and expectations.

A big thank you to Lauren Hanna who painted a beautiful mural for the children in our classroom. It looks amazing and the children (and staff) love it.

We had an unexpected guest on our first day in school – a toad! It had made itself at home in our sandpit! It gave the children a wonderful learning opportunity within the first hour of the day!

Our theme for this term is 'SPACE'. The children are already counting down and blasting off in their new space rocket themed role play area; not sure if they have found any aliens yet!

On to a bit of housekeeping: -

Children will need their PE kits in school for next week (week beginning 8th September). Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will keep their PE kits in school during the term and send them home at the end of each term to be cleaned.

Given the amount of wet weather we are currently experiencing, the children will also benefit from having a pair of wellies, which they can keep in school, sooner rather than later. They will be playing in the sand, mud and water! On that note, please ensure your child also brings a coat to school on a daily basis.

Next week we will start sending Year 1 children home with reading scheme books (Reception children will follow suit soon). When you have read with your child, please make an entry in their yellow reading journal, so they can work towards earning their prizes. In order to earn prizes the children need to be reading with you at least four times a week.

Please also remember to practise reading the words on their book marks. These are their sight words (words which they cannot decode and must read by sight). This improves not only their reading but their writing skills too!

We will not be sending home any additional homework for Year 1 children this term, but there will be a pick and mix homework for them to do from term 2 if you would like to do some extra learning with them.

The additional homework will not apply to reception children; they will only be asked to read four times a week and learn to read their bookmark words. Please note: reading can be 1-2 pages at a time, there is no expectation for the child to read the whole book in one sitting (unless they want to). It is important that children are given the opportunity to re-read books as this aids fluency in reading.

If you have any problems or queries, please come and speak to us, as we have an open door policy.

Mrs Hanna, Mrs Stables, Miss Ford and Miss Degville

