



September 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to the Chaffinch class, I hope you have all had a lovely summer and the children are as excited for the new term as I am. The curriculum map for this term is on our class page. Our topic is 'Rio Da Vida' and we will begin this by enjoying a special carnival the children will have opportunity to plan during our first week back. The topic will involve us developing our knowledge of music and other cultures. We will make clear links to this topic in all subject areas ensuring the National Curriculum expectations for Year 1 are being met. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me or contact me via Class Dojo.

PE

PE days in the Chaffinch class will be on a Monday and Tuesday please can you ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days. It is a good idea to leave your child's PE kit in school and then it will be sent home at the end of every half term. The children will be required to have a pair of trainers, or wellies when the weather becomes more inclement, in school every day for participation in the Golden Mile. Children with long hair are required to have it tied back and earrings must be removed during PE sessions. Please could you ensure all belongings are named to help prevent clothing becoming misplaced. We will be encouraging the children to take ownership of their own things to support their independence.

Reading

We will aim to hear children read twice a week through group guided reading sessions. The children will have daily phonics lessons to support their decoding and spelling of unfamiliar words. Please could you ensure you read regularly with your child at home and use their reading record to communicate their progress with us, these will be checked regularly.

Homework

Children will be sent home weekly spellings these may link to the common exception words (year 2 will have separate spellings to year 1), or the sounds phonic sounds the children have been taught throughout the week. I have attached a home learning grid as well with links to our topic 'Rio Da Vida'. Please could the children aim to complete at least three of these tasks.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the reward chart system we will be using. This will allow the children to earn valuable points when demonstrating excellent behaviour, being kind to others, producing some wonderful work or following our school values. This is

an amazing tool as it allows you to see how the children are progressing and be able to continue to celebrate their successes. Points can be taken away for undesirable behaviour, when this is done we will ensure the children understand why this has happened.

Food Allergies/Medicine

Please ensure the school knows of any food allergies that your child may have. Our school first aiders are able to administer prescribed medication from a doctor to the children, please ensure that this is given to the appropriate adult and the correct forms are filled in.

Finally please feel free to speak to me if you have any concerns about anything.

I am excited for your child to become part of the Chaffinch class team.