



Peacocks Newsletter - Term 1

Date: Friday 7th September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are so excited to welcome the new Reception children into the Peacocks classroom.


Topic

This term our topic is 'Me and the Big, Big Sea'. The children will begin the term by learning all about themselves – where they live, who is in their family, and our bodies and senses. They will then go on to learn all about the sea and how we can take care of it.

This term we would love to create a display about the children and their families. **If you have any pictures of your child's family or important people in their life, please send them in so we can use them in this display!**

Important things to know:

- If your child is coming to school with a bike at any point, please ensure that these are walked with when on school grounds to avoid any injuries to themselves or others.
- Next week we will send your child home with their first reading book. We expect you to be reading with your child at least three times each week. Please don't forget that your child's reading record and book should be coming in with them every day.
- Each week your child will be going on welly walks to and around the field. For this, your child will need to bring in a **pair of wellies**. These can be stored at school but please ensure that these are labelled with your child's name.
- As the weather gets colder and wetter, we would like to remind you that your child will need a waterproof coat daily as we love to go outside in all weathers where possible.
- Our PE days are on **Thursdays** so we ask that your child comes in wearing their PE kits on Thursdays – they will not be getting changed at school.

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- Please can all clothing and other items that belong to your child be **labelled** (this prevents them from going missing!).
 - The children are offered a piece of fruit at snack times. They are allowed to bring in their own snack for this, however, it must be a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, cheese, yoghurt, etc).
 - Within the first few weeks your child will come home with a few different books.
 - Reading book - we expect you to read with your child at least 3 times a week. Every 30 reads your child does at home, they receive a prize!
 - Reading record (yellow book) - this is for you to write a small comment of how your child read their reading book with you
 - Sounds of the week – This includes what they have learnt in phonics that week. To support your child in making progress in phonics, it is recommended that you go over the sounds, words and sentences that are new that week, as well as, recap previous learning in their phonics. Please visit this website for more information about how phonics is taught within our school
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We encourage you to follow our class Twitter page @RCPSPeacocks and look at Tapestry to keep update to date with what your child is learning at school 😊

We understand that there is a lot of information at the beginning of the year so please feel free to come and chat to me about any questions or queries that you have or email me at earmishaw@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk

Best wishes,
Miss Armishaw