**Friday 12th September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed quality time with your families. Miss Butcher, who is already well-acquainted with this cohort, is eager to continue working with the children, and I am excited to get to know them and hear all about their summer adventures.

**Term 1 Overview**

This term, we’ll be exploring a variety of exciting topics, including Space Explorers, the human body, and rhythm and pulse, just to name a few! For a more detailed overview of the curriculum across all subjects, please refer to the Parents’ Curriculum Web available on our website. It’s going to be a jam-packed term filled with engaging activities and plenty of hands-on experiences. I’m confident that your children will quickly adapt to classroom expectations and routines, and I hope they’ll come home each day eager to share what they’ve learned.

**Enhancing the Curriculum**

At Southbroom Infants, we follow the Kindness Curriculum. In Kingfisher Class, we’ll be focusing on themes of connection, concentration, and calmness. These practices will help children understand their emotions, recognise what their minds are telling them, and develop strategies that support emotional literacy, learning, and well-being. Each day, the children will engage in a brief mindfulness activity, and every week, we’ll dedicate 25 minutes to a more in-depth lesson.

**Reading in Year 1**

In Year 1, we continue to use the Little Wandle decodable books for reading. Your child will participate in three guided reading sessions each week, focusing on decoding, prosody (reading with appropriate expression, stress, and intonation), and comprehension before bringing the book home. By the time they do, they should be reading it with confidence. To support your child’s progress, please ensure they read at home daily for 10 minutes, and kindly record these activities in their reading log.

**PE**

We are pleased to continue benefiting from the expertise of our sports coach this year. PE sessions will take place on Thursdays and Fridays, so please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit. This term, the focus will be on developing multi-skills, particularly balance and coordination.

**Final Notes**

I hope you find this information helpful. Should you have any questions or need further assistance, both Miss Butcher and I are available to you. You can speak to us at the beginning or end of the school day, or alternatively, you can call the school office to arrange a meeting. Once again, I’m thrilled to be starting this year’s learning journey with you and your children.

Kind Regards,

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