**Monday, 4th September 2023**

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you’ve all had an amazing summer holiday and family time together. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and your children now that I have joined the team at Southbroom Infants. I hope the children have enjoyed their first week in Tawny Owls and have been sharing with you some of the exciting things we have been doing in class together. We are all working hard to establish classroom routines and expectations and am sure that we have a great year ahead of us.

Please take a look at the Parents’ Curriculum Web which is available on the website for more information about what we will cover in each of the subjects this term.

**Kindness Curriculum**

An exciting addition to our teaching at Southbroom Infants this year is the introduction of the Kindness Curriculum. In Tawny Owls we will be spending time focusing on connecting, concentrating and calmness. This will validate our feelings, help us to understand what our mind is telling us and build strategies that will enhance our emotional literacy, learning and well-being.

**Reading in Year 2**

Children will be bringing home with them this Friday their Little Wandle reading book as they have had in year 1. Books will be changed every Friday so it is important that they remember to bring their book back each week. We will keep a record in school of who has each book. Please ask if you have any questions.

**PE**

We are very fortunate to have PH Sports working with us again this year to support us with the teaching of PE. PE will be on Thursdays and children should come to school dressed ready in their PE kit.

**Home Learning**

In year 2 we are expecting the children to practice both reading and mathematical skills that are linked to the learning we are doing in class:

**Homework activity sheet** which will go home on a Wednesday and due back into school on a Monday. This will include the maths and reading expectations, please read this carefully.

**Spellings** will be issued on a Wednesday to practice at home which they will be tested every week on a Monday. To begin with these will be recapping year 1 spellings.

**Phonics Sheets** will be issued on a Friday. Children are expected to practice a little every day.

I hope that you find this information helpful. Please remember that I am always available should you wish to speak to me. You can catch me at the beginning or end of the day, or alternatively please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time to talk. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you and am excited for the year ahead.

Kind Regards

Miss E.Griffin