



Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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Willow Class Year Four Parent Letter Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break! It's been lovely to see the children back in school and we are looking forward to a fantastic year together. Here is some useful information for your reference including the timings and routines this term.

School Day

Timings – Gates open, registers at 8.55am.

End of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

Uniform and belongings

Full school uniform, including smart, plain-black shoes (not trainers), is to be worn every day apart from PE days when children can attend in their PE kit. Long hair must all be tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish and any jewellery (apart from stud earrings) is not permitted in school. Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them every day, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable and that all of their belongings are clearly labelled. During the sunnier weather, please ensure your child has sun cream applied and has a sun hat to wear.

Snacks and Drinks

Children are invited to bring in their own healthy snacks for breaktime, but we ask that these are only fruit and vegetables. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them, which contains water only. Thank you.

Curriculum

Please find attached the overview for this half term

Spellings

We will practise spellings daily in class and the children will be given spellings to practise at home. Further information to follow.

Accelerated Reader (KS2)

The children will complete the Star Reading test on a half-termly basis which will assess their reading skills and provide them with their reading range. They will be then be able to select a variety of books from within their range and then complete a mini challenge quiz upon completion.





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Reading

We encourage the children to read as regularly as possible both at home and in school. They then need to remember to fill in their reading diaries accordingly. Books from home and school reading books are all welcome in the diary. We will collect the diaries in weekly in order to discuss their reading and celebrate their efforts. **Please can they ensure that reading diaries are in school every day.**

Reading for Pleasure

Our termly book clubs will continue to take place this year, as well as the Author Island Adventure. More information will be sent out about this shortly.

PE

This half term, PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays.

On these days, we ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. They will not need to change into school uniform on these days.

A reminder that our school PE kit is:

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (**not grey**)
- Plain house-coloured t-shirt
- Trainers
- School jumper

Outdoor Learning

This will take place on Fridays. Please could the children bring in a change of shoes, a coat (depending on the weather), long trousers/leggings and a long-sleeved top.

Homework

Homework will be set on **Thursdays** and will include reading, spelling, Maths and/or Topic activities. Further details to follow but please refer to Google Classroom for weekly information. Please encourage homework tasks to be completed by **Wednesday**, if you need any further assistance, please ask. We aim to provide engaging activities which will give an insight into their weekly learning.

End of day collection

At the end of the day, safety is our priority. It is important for you to inform us of any changes to who collecting your child.

We are very much looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable term!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Harding (class teacher) and Miss Tolfree (Teaching Assistant)

