



Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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Willow Class Year Four Parent Letter Spring Term 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

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

School Day

Timings – Gates open at 8.45am, registers at 8.55am.

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

Uniform and belongings

Full school uniform is to be worn every day apart from PE days.

Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school.

Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them **every day**, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable. Your child's belongings should be clearly labelled and water bottles should contain only water please.

Snacks and Drinks

Healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables and water please.

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 on Spelling Frame too.

Accelerated Reader

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.

Reading





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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.

PE

This half term only, PE AND swimming will be on Mondays.

Monday (am) – swimming (5 week block) Children to come to school wearing swim wear under uniform with towel, goggles and underwear in a waterproof bag please.

Also, we ask that your child comes into school wearing **their PE kit on a Monday too**. They will not need to change into school uniform on these days. We will inform you of any changes in due course.

A reminder that our school PE kit is:

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

We will still take active breaks throughout the week but no change of clothing needed.

Outdoor Learning

This will take place on Fridays. Please could the children bring in a change of shoes, a coat, 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. 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 learning.

End of day collection

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

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

Kind Regards,





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