Ipplepen Primary School & Pre-School

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Acacia Class Year 5 Parent Letter
Summer Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 5, we hope you had a great Summer break. We are really looking forward to what this term will bring and supporting the children to grow and progress. Throughout this term, we will continue to build our expectations of the children in order to improve their independence and prepare them for Year 6 and beyond.

School Day

We would like to remind you that the gates to school open at 08:45 and the register is taken at 08:55. The children begin learning activities as soon as they walk through the door, so we really do appreciate your support in ensuring they arrive promptly to maximise learning time.
The school day ends at 15:20 (with gates opened for parents to enter the playground at 15:15)

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 must have a water bottle in school every day which can be refilled if needed.
Children can bring a fruit or vegetable snack to school to eat at breaktime.

Curriculum

You will find the curriculum overview for this first half term also attached to this email.

Spellings

We will be using Spelling Frame and Decision Spellings again this year to support children in learning and practising their spellings as well as for a weekly test. This is accessible online from home too. Spelling tests will happen every Monday and the next weeks words will then be available.

Accelerated Reader

Another online platform that we will again be using is Accelerated Reader. The children complete a short assessment each half term to ensure that the books they are choosing are of an appropriate level of challenge for them enabling them to be both improving and enjoying their reading. Children are expected to quiz on any books that they read as soon after they finish as possible – they are given daily opportunities to do this. Every quiz score sees them moving closer to their reading points target, gaining certification levels and adding to their wordcount. We will be awarding prizes for those that read the most words each term.

Reading

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Ideally, children should be reading daily (for around 15 minutes) but at a minimum, four days a week. Please ensure that they record this in their reading diary which will be checked on a weekly basis and house points will be awarded to those that meet and exceed these expectations.
Our termly book clubs will continue to take place this year, as well as the Author Island Adventure. This information has already been sent out.

PE

This half term, we will have two days that children need to come to school in their PE kit – Mondays and Fridays. A reminder that our school PE kit is:

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

Outdoor Learning

We will have outdoor learning sessions planned for most Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child brings to school with them, sensible outdoor clothing that covers their arms and legs (and may well get dirty) to change into. In cold/wet weather, the sessions will still go ahead so a warm, waterproof coat is needed and waterproof trousers can be worn too. Please also ensure that they always have wellies (packed in a sturdy bag) for these sessions.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and due in on a Tuesday. This will be in the form of a homework book. Your child will be told which pages to complete throughout that week.
The children are also expected to practise their spellings and times tables on a daily basis – TTRockstars and Spelling Frame can be used for this.

Mobile Phones

We understand that some children have a mobile phone with them to enable them to communicate on their journeys to and from school. We would appreciate your help in reminding your child to hand this in to the teacher on arrival at school, to be stored safely and they will be returned to them at the end of the school day. Please ensure we have received an email for this too.

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 end of day arrangements.

We are looking forward to enjoying teaching and learning with Acacia Class this year.
If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office and we will reply as soon as we can or speak to us on the playground at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,
Mr Tolley and Mrs Norris