Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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Willow Class Year 4 Parent Letter
Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break! It has 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 at 8.45 and 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 everyday, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable.
Your child's belongings should be clearly labelled
Summer – sun protection; hats, sun cream etc

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.

Curriculum
Please see attached half term overview of learning.

Spellings
We will be continuing to do spelling lessons each morning and children will be practising a pattern for the week through a range of activities. They will also have access to spelling frame at home to practise and then in school we will check their spellings for the week on a Thursday.

Accelerated Reader
We will be continuing to use accelerated reader this year. 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. Please ensure all reading is recorded in your child's reading record. This can be done by either yourself or your child. We will be looking for evidence of reading a variety of text types throughout the year, so please help to encourage your child to look at a range of books. Children will need to bring their reading record into school every day. Reading records will be collected in weekly to celebrate their efforts. Inside the cover of their reading record is all their passwords for the different online learning resources they have access to.

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

PE for the first half term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday.
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

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and will be due in on Wednesday. Homework will include;

- times table practise – using TTRockstars
- a Maths task
- an English or LCC task
- reading - a minimum of three times a week (reading records checked on a Thursday)
- spelling practise on 'Spelling Frame' – words will be tested on Thursdays

End of day collection

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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.

Along with all of this hard work and new-found independence, we will undoubtedly be having a lot of fun too with a range of different topics, activities and trips. Information for each new topic will be sent out at the beginning of each term.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you have any questions by sending a message to the office for our attention.

Kind Regards,

Miss Boyne