



Thursday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year! We hope you've all had an enjoyable summer and the children are feeling refreshed and excited to start in Diamond Class. Within Diamond Class, the key members of staff are Miss Thomas (Teacher), Mrs Brown (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Taylor (PPA cover HLTA).

Our classroom is based at the back of the school, we are very lucky to have an outside area which will be used by the children on a daily basis to enhance/extend their learning. The children will each have their own locker in the classroom or in the hall which will house their belongings.

Arriving at School and home time

Diamond class will arrive at 8.45am and will be collected at 3.00pm. Please wait at the school gate and a member of staff will collect the children in the morning and walk the children to you at the end of the day.

PE

Our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday and the children are allowed to attend school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Homework

Children will be expected to work on their spellings and reading each evening. Please bare with us for a few weeks because we will be assessing and monitoring the children before we issue them with a reading book and spellings. Mathematics is still up and running and activities will be set linked to what the children are learning at school. The log in details will be stuck in your child's reading diary.

Reading

Please support the children and work alongside us by listening to your child read every evening. When your child is issued with a reading book and a reading diary please can you log that you have heard them read by signing and making a small comment in the reading diary, this will enable us to monitor and track progress. We will listen to your child read at least once a week (one to one) and we will also have whole class reading/guided reading sessions twice a week. Please make sure that your child has their reading book with them everyday.

Useful websites to enhance the children's learning

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and we are confident that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child excel. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with us after school or make an appointment if you wish.

With my very best wishes for a successful year,

Miss Thomas
Diamond class teacher

