



# BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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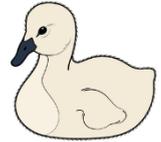
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Cygnets Class! I do hope you've had a fantastic summer break and are feeling ready for the term ahead. We are very excited to welcome your children into Year 1 and are looking forward to getting to know them and you. A Curriculum Web for the autumn term is with this letter so you can see all the exciting learning we have ahead of us!



The first few weeks will be all about establishing routines and expectations in order to make the transition from EYFS as smooth as possible. The children had several sessions with us last term and are familiar with myself, Mrs Crosse and Mrs Roberts already. We are ever mindful that the children are used to having Discovery Time so there will be plenty of movement breaks and activities designed for enjoyment, as well as Golden Time every Friday afternoon.

Phonics will continue with revision of Phase 4, giving lots of opportunity to blend words using all the phonemes taught in Phase 2 and 3 as well as mastering adjacent consonants. Do please continue checking through the keyrings sent home last year as this supports hugely in your child's confidence and fluency as a reader. Reading books will be sent home this week and there is an expectation across the school that everyone reads to an adult at home at least four times a week. Please sign and date in your child's reading record and we will check every Friday when the books are changed. House Points will be awarded to everyone who has read at least 4 times! As children's fluency develops, we encourage them to read with prosody, or with their 'story-telling voice' as this helps develop comprehension of the text.

The children will also be able to choose a library book every Friday. This will not be phonically decodable so is for you to share with your child, not for them to read to you. Please try to put it in their bookbag every Friday, ready to be changed.

There will be a big focus on correct formation of numbers, lower-case letters and upper-case letters this year. Once they are formed correctly, we will be focussing on ensuring they are the correct size in relation to one another. I will send home sheets showing the correct formation so when your child is writing at home, please support them to form their numbers and letters accurately as it is really hard for them to 'unlearn' any misconceptions.

I will update Seesaw every week with our Phonics focus, with some suggested activities to support your child's learning in Maths as well as any other key learning we have covered each week. In addition to reading regularly, do please spend time four times a week looking at the suggested Maths activities, practising number bonds or accurate counting forwards and backwards and record this briefly in your child's reading record. Any class announcements such as trips will go on Classlist.

We will have PE every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon so please send your child to school in their PE kit on these days.

It is essential your child brings a named water bottle each day, as well as their bookbag and a coat as we try to get outside even on a damp day. Please ensure all items are clearly named so we can return lost items rapidly!

**In order to maintain up to date records, please could you let me know of any allergies, medication or dietary requirements your child may have.**

We really want your child to enjoy their time in Cygnets Class so if you have any concerns, do please speak to us and we will do all we can to help.

Kind Regards,

Diane Shelley

