



Woolacombe School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome Reception Class - 'Limpets'!

We hope you have had a wonderful Summer! Your child's Teacher this Year will be Miss Goodman and on Thursdays will be Ms Russell, alongside our Teaching Assistant Sally. The children have enjoyed settling into their classroom on their first few days! This half term, they will be learning about our topic 'Why do you love me so much?'. We will be focusing on the children's interests, families and friendships and using their interests to drive our planning. Please see the topic web attached for more information. To spark conversations and for a class display, we would be grateful if you could send a family photo in with your child over the week.



Phonics and Reading

This year, we are rolling out a new Phonics programme across the school, 'Little Wandle'. We will be holding a Phonics workshop on Monday 26th September at 6 pm to share with you how your child is learning to read and write and how to support reading at home. Soon, your child will be sent home with reading books and a reading diary for you to record what they have read. It is important that your child reads regularly to build up fluency and confidence. Please read with them at least 5 times a week and ensure that your child's reading bag comes back to school daily as we will be checking them often.

PE and Forest School

Our PE day will be a Thursday where the class will be taught multi-skill and games with Coach Tom. Please send your child in wearing their P.E kit on this day. On a Friday, we will be alternating between using the Forest School sessions, while the weather is good, and PE lessons. You don't need to send them in wearing a PE kit on a Friday.

Baseline assessments

As well as spending the time to get to know your child, we will be carrying out a statutory government assessment to measure your child's starting point. Please see the attachment for more information.

Reminders:

- Book school dinners online in advance through School Money
- Ensure your child's clothes are labelled with their name
- Please bring in half-termly voluntary donations towards our consumable resources such as: art resources, sand and gardening supplies
- Please keep an eye out for an invitation to join class Dojo - this is our main form of communication

Dates for your diary:

- 26th September - Tempest individual, sibling and class photos, Phonics workshop
- 27th September - International Languages Day
- 28th September - Nasal/flu vaccines
- 6th October - National Poetry Day, Theme: Environment
- 20th October - Harvest Festival - more information to follow

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask either at drop-off in the mornings or via Dojo! Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year together!

Miss Goodman and Ms Russell