



# 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 Tuesday afternoons will be Ms Russell. Our Teaching Assistants are Hannah, Monday - Wednesday and Connie, Thursday and Friday. The children enjoyed visiting the class last term and this will help with a smooth transition into their new learning environment! This half term, they will be learning about our topic 'Me and My Community'. We will be focusing on the children's interests, people in the community, families and friendships and using their interests to drive our planning. Please see the topic web attached for more information.

## Phonics and Reading

Our Phonics programme across the school is 'Little Wandle'. We will be holding a Phonics workshop on **Monday 18th September at 5:30pm** 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. We will be changing the children's reading books on Mondays from next week. They will have a love of reading book from our book corner to be read by an adult and a phonetically decodable book matched to their phase/individual ability. 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. Please also let us know if your child has completed the **Summer Reading Challenge** so that we can celebrate this in school!

## PE and Forest School

Our PE day will be a Tuesday where the class will be taught multi-skill and games with Miss Gibson. Please send your child in wearing their P.E kit on this day.

## 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.

## Water Bottles

Your child will need to purchase a Woolacombe School water bottle from reception and be labelled with their name. These are at a cost of **£2**. We will keep them in school Monday-Friday and then send them home on Friday for a good wash. Please ensure they come back into school every Monday. Until you are able to purchase one, we have cups in school so your child will still have access to regular drinking water.

## Donations

Each **half term** we ask for a voluntary donation of up to **£5** towards our consumable resources please. This includes all the resources we have to replenish such as... sand, playdough (flour, oil, salt, cream of tartar), shaving foam, cornflour, cornflakes, oats, pasta, rice, bubbles, wet wipes, sand, lentils, herbs and spices, spaghetti, food colouring, etc.

## Reminders:

- Book school dinners online in advance through School Money
- Ensure your child's clothes are labelled with their name

## Dates for your diary:

- 13th September - Roald Dahl Day
- 18th September - Phonics/Reading workshop - **Parents are invited, 5:30-6:30pm**
- 11th-26th September - Great British Beach Clean/recycle week
- 26th September - International Languages Day
- 27th September - Nasal/flu vaccinations
- 6th October - National Poetry Day
- 10th October - World Mental Health Day
- 19th October - Harvest Festival - **Parents are invited, 1:30-2:30pm at St. Sabinus' Church**
- 19th October - Community Art Exhibition over half term

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