



Woolacombe School

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Dear parent/carer,

Welcome back to Reception Class and Happy New Year! This half-term your child's new topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. Please see the topic web for more information about what your child will be learning. Please also find in this letter some reminders for this term.

Communication

As you know, I use Dojo to communicate with you all. Please do let me know if you are struggling to use it as I don't duplicate the communication in any other forum. The office and leadership team also use Dojo to keep you updated, so it really is worth ensuring you have access and receive notifications.

Phonics and Reading



Your children have made a brilliant start with their phonics and reading. The total number of reads each week has been great for many of the children. Now that we are back into a new term, can you continue to try to read 5 times a week with your child. This really does have a huge impact on their progress and will help them progress in all subjects as they become more competent. I'm hoping that you have all seen amazing progress in your children's reading. I'm incredibly proud of the progress they are making.

General Information

Don't forget to book your child's school dinners, or record them as a packed lunch (the cut off is 12pm the night before). Please contact the office if you have any more questions regarding school dinners.

Full school uniform must be worn, including black shoes. Long hair must be tied back, no hair products please. If your child has piercings, please ensure they are small studs. **PE will still be on Tuesdays** this term, so please ensure that your child wears their full kit into school on this day.

Spare clothes should also be left in school in case your child needs a change of clothes. The weather can still be very wet, cold and windy in the Spring Term!

Water bottles should be brought into school on a Monday and we will refill these for your child throughout the week. We will then send them home on a Friday for a more thorough wash.

Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school every day and that all items are labelled with your child's name!

Forest School Sessions

Forest School sessions will continue to run on a Monday morning. Please ensure you send your child in with wellies to change into in a bag labelled with their name.

Donations

Each **half term** we please ask for a voluntary donation of up to **£5** towards our consumable resources. 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. This can be handed in at drop-off and pick-up times.

Many thanks,
Miss Goodman and the Reception Team



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