

# Bawdsey CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope your child has been enjoying settling into our Early Years Unit at Bawdsey school. Please do remember to come and see us with any concerns, issues, or exciting milestone news from home. Reception and Year 1 parents can use the reading record for this, if we are unavailable at the beginning or end of the day. Nursery parents have a To and Fro book (red book) which can be used for these messages.

## **Gentle Reminders as we settle in**

The gate will need to be closed in the morning promptly after 8.45 due to attendance, and any late arrivals can you please use the main reception, as we cannot spare staff to run backwards and forwards between gates. On entry to the classroom in the morning, we would like children to hang their coats up, put their reading record in our red tray, and put book bags in trays. Children are then encouraged to find their own name on our Smartboard to register themselves. This is an important skill in itself for name identification and independence. Parents/Carers are then encouraged to leave the classroom using the white door leading through the hall please. We would encourage all reception and Year 1 children to line up in the playground before school, and a member of staff will collect Nursery children from the side gate.

Children may bring in toys from home, but we encourage these to remain in their trays until we can 'show and tell' as we do not want them to get lost. Toys are brought in at your own risk. We have suggested that 'Show and Tell' is on Mondays.

Could all PE kits, water bottles, coats and shoes have names clearly in them please. Also we encourage Nursery children to have at least one change of clothes, and extra underwear as they are gaining independence. Spare carrier bags or nappy sacks are always useful for any accidents.

All children will have opportunities in the Mud Kitchen and playing outside, so wellington boots should be provided, and these can remain in school.

Year 1 children will receive spellings on Mondays, retested the following Monday. They also receive a piece of connected homework to aid with spellings, which may sometimes also involve reading to spot the phonemes/graphemes we have been learning. All Reception and Year 1 children will be receiving a



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maths and reading/writing piece of homework which will be given on Mondays and due back on the following Monday.

We would encourage all parents/carers in Starfish class to read daily with their children. Progress at this age is exciting and rapid, and practice makes perfect! We cannot stress enough how important your support is at home with their learning journey! Our reading scheme is closely related to the level of confidence and knowledge of the phonics as we progress in class. Please comment in the Reading Diary so we can keep track of progress at home as well as school.

This term, we will be exploring the themes of 'Ourselves' and 'Our Pets' , and learning about commemorative events in History such as Remembrance Day, Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving. We will also be exploring 'Our School' and 'Our Locality' with a focus on changes in recent years, as well as seasonal highlights. We will be focusing on self portraits in Art, as well as 'then and now'. The Phonic Fairy will be assisting me in class every day, to help the children progress through their phonic levels, using the mantra 'Reading makes us brainy'. Look out for the new actions which accompany all the 44 phonemes! In maths, we will be focusing on number to 10 including place value and addition.

Please see us with anything you would like to discuss and also Nursery and Reception Parents please look out for sign-up sheets after half term, for a meeting to share the Learning Journeys. We will remind you nearer the time. Look out for the weekly diaries and monthly letters from the office.

We all hope you enjoy the Autumn Term.

Mrs Simoes, Miss Finley, Mrs Reilly and Miss Simpson.



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