

Caversham Park Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and that you are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. I am sure you will also join me in welcoming the new Reception children and their families to our school and class. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with information about the term ahead for KS1.

Curriculum

Your child/ren will learn through the National Curriculum of which they will continue throughout their time in education. Year 1 children will continue to learn through play-based activities as well as continuing to build up the amount of time spent on adult directed learning tasks. Year 2 children will continue to spend more time on an adult led task with fewer opportunities for play-based learning. This term we will be starting with the topic 'Castles'. As part of this topic the children will be learning about some of the types of castles and their significant features. They will also learn about who lived in castles and learn a simple timeline of some of the famous British Monarchs.

Reading and Phonics

This week, your child will bring home their reading record and reading book continuing from where they were at the end of summer term. They will be given the opportunity to change their book every day; however, I would like each book to be read on **two separate occasions** before being changed. Your child has plenty of opportunities to read individually, with a teacher and with their peers in school. However, I cannot stress how important it is that your child reads or shares a book with an adult **every day** at home. Please **sign** the reading record book when you have heard your child read so that we can move them on to the next book.

As it stands, Year 1 children will be expected to participate in the national phonics screening check at the end of this academic year. This is not something to panic about and the children are used to undertaking these sorts of tasks as part of our ongoing assessment routines anyway but I wanted to forewarn you. I will provide further information on this at a later stage along with an information session closer to the time.

We are also hoping to offer a general information session for Reception and KS1 parents/carers about reading with your child and phonics later on this term. We will provide further details once this is confirmed.

Homework

KS1 will continue to be sent a 'Homework Menu' at the beginning of each half term. Look after this homework menu as you will need it for the term. There are enough activities on the menu for one piece of homework to be selected and completed each week. Homework is expected to be handed in on Thursdays. Children are usually really pleased to show their work to the teacher or their friends so please try where you can to ensure homework is completed.

Spellings will also be sent home on Thursdays. They are to practise these spellings daily in whatever way they wish. Spelling tests will be carried out in school on Fridays. It is really important that children are supported to learn their spellings regularly at home as spelling can be harder to learn and retain.

School uniform

Please can all uniform be named to avoid children losing items. We do like to get the children outside into the Duck Class garden or on the playground come rain or shine so please provide your child with a waterproof jacket if there is due to be wet weather.

PE

This term our PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday. However, it is essential that your child has their PE kit in school at all times just in case our lessons change or we have special activities. We will send PE kits home to be washed at the end of every half term. Please make sure children have PE socks in their bags. Please make sure ear studs are removed before school or surgical tape is provided to cover them up and long hair is tied back.

Packed Lunches

Please can I remind you that if you are providing a packed lunch for your child then then all products must be sesame and nut free. Therefore, please check all packaging, particularly on bread products.

Finally, I would like to say that I am very much looking forward to working with you and your child once again this year. If you have anything you wish to discuss with me, I am available most days after school and if I cannot see you immediately, then an appointment can be made.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss C. Long