Suckley School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the new school year! We are very pleased to be back together and everyone is settling in well to our new routines. The children have been fantastic. I am sure you would be proud of how kind, helpful and welcoming they have all been.

At the beginning of each term, we share our proposed topic for the term with you so you know the types of things the class will be learning over the coming months. A summary of this term's topic, 'Food, Glorious Food,' is attached to this letter for your information.

In addition, we start each term with a whole-school text, which each class uses as their starting point for writing and Artwork. This term we are looking at 'What Feelings Do When No One's Looking' by Tina Oziewicz. This is a beautifully illustrated book, where feelings are personified by characters with interesting looks. The book provides a wonderful opportunity to talk about feelings and validate them.

Reading, reading books and book bags

Reading is a huge part of our curriculum and we put significant emphasis on reading for pleasure and sharing stories to enable children to build upon their understanding of the world and increase their vocabulary. We will send home reading scheme books for the children to read to you. Please do continue sharing other story books together in addition to this.

We will be changing books as often as possible; we are aiming for every other day and to endeavour to increase the frequency of book changes if time allows.

Please continue to use the book bag for the school-assigned reading books. The book bags help protect the scheme books from damage.

Blending books

Year One will continue to have blending books as part of their preparation for the Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in the summer term. We like children to be blending securely at green level prior to this check. We will monitor the blending books and add more words as needed.

Spellings

Spellings will be issued weekly on a Tuesday and tested the following Monday. Words for Year One will reflect the sound patterns covered in Phonics lessons that week. Year Two will follow

The Spelling Shed scheme which covers the Statutory National Curriculum spellings and spelling patterns. Please make sure your child has their spelling book with them on a Monday so they can be collected and returned on a Tuesday with new spellings.

Forest school and PE

Forest school will be on a Thursday afternoon, as in previous years. Please send your child to school ready for forest school with a long sleeved top and trousers. Please only send them in items you are happy for them to get muddy!

For PE we are lucky to have PACES, a specialist PE provider, delivering our lessons this academic year. PE sessions will be first session (9-10) on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school for this session, including jogging bottoms and a jumper for warmth should the session be outside.

Other concerns or questions

Please ask any member of the Robins team or email to the below address if you are unsure about any of the above or have any other questions or concerns. We are always happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pinnington.

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