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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! We very much hope that you and your child are beginning to settle well into school and our routines. To ensure things run effectively this year we hope the following information is useful and will give you a better picture of how you can help your child to make the most of their time in Cygnet Class.

We will be basing our work this term on the topic 'All about me' and then 'Fairy Tales and Festivals' after the half term break. This theme will filter through many of our activities as part of a creative curriculum devised to capture the children's imagination and to inspire their learning.

This term we will be learning to...

English

recognise and recall phase 2 and 3 phonic sounds
use phonics sounds to help with reading
form letters
write own name
use sounds for writing
read and write 'Spelling Star' high frequency words

Maths

sing number and counting songs
count in order
recognise and order numbers 1-10 and beyond
recognise 2D and 3D shapes
order objects by height, weight and length
recognise 1 more and 1 less
write numbers correctly to 10

Communication and language

listen whilst sitting on the carpet during whole class sessions
listen to stories and respond with relevant comments, questions or actions
follow instructions
listen to and share ideas with talk partners
ask and answer questions in group discussions
add detail to stories and explanations

Personal, social and emotional development

include others in our games and activities
take turns and share toys
know what good learning looks like
identify and express our feelings and emotions

Understanding the world

confidently navigate a programme on the iPads and follow and give instructions
know and describe the signs of autumn and winter

Expressive art and design

join in with singing new songs
explore sounds
create pictures and patterns using a wide variety of materials
use role play to explore different places and people
use media and materials confidently and for a purpose

Physical development

use our bodies to move in interesting ways
hold a pencil properly when writing
show good control and coordination in large and small movements

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listen to and share a simple Bible story
know about Christmas and why we celebrate it

Reading

Your support with daily reading and the discussion of texts at home really helps your child to progress in this specific area of the curriculum. They will soon bring home a phonics book from our Bug Club scheme. The phonics books contain sounds that your child already knows or has been introduced to at school. The aim is to be able to read these books fluently and independently so please encourage lots of re-reading to help with this and to support good comprehension. Books will be changed every Monday and Thursday. Please make a note in the reading diary to let us know if your child has shared the book with you and how they got on. Reading and sharing a book each evening will really help to support the work we are doing in school. We will hear your child read at least once a week but your help in ensuring they are reading regularly is invaluable.

Homework

Alongside daily reading, Reception children will be set additional homework activities each Friday. This will usually consist of a phonics / handwriting activity and a short maths activity which consolidates work covered during the week.

P.E.

We will have our P.E. lessons on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this term. On these days, please send your child to school wearing their school P.E. kit. The school website has details of both indoor and outdoor kit. It would be most helpful if you could ensure that all items, clothing and otherwise, are clearly named. Please ensure that your child always has a named water bottle in school too.

If you wish to talk to us at any time about specific matters, please make contact through the office. In the meantime, you can find out what your child has been learning at school by reading the class weekly newsletter which will be posted on Google Classroom every Friday.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a happy year ahead.

Emma Weller and Diana Nicol