



Welcome to the Autumn Term in Lime Class from Miss Ward!

Firstly, I would like to say (again for some!) I am thoroughly looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure they have great learning experiences and make the best progress they can. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We warmly welcome our new children to Lime class.

Here are just a few reminders about being successful in Lime Class:

- Attendance is **key** to progress. Please make sure your child comes to school everyday. If you are unsure whether your child should attend school due to illness either ring the school or doctors for more advice. The school has policies on contagious illnesses and how long to keep children off for that might be of help.
- **Reading at home:** Please read with your child every night and record this in their reading log. Years 1 and 2 will have reading band books matched to their assessed level. This offers your child a real chance to show off their confidence and fluency in reading. Please do not be alarmed if your child reads the book with ease, reading at home should be a celebration of what they are achieving with us in school. To start with Reception will have picture books, please discuss the pictures, characters and ask your child questions. Answering questions and talking about the book is key to building their vocabulary. Sharing books that your child can not read but listen to for pleasure is vital to foster a love for books and reading also. We encourage wider reading too, e.g. comics, newspapers, non-fiction, recipes and books from home, which shows your child a real purpose for reading.
- **Home learning:** Years 1 and 2 will have homework linked to maths we have been focussing on that week or areas previously taught in Reception or Year 1. The homework will be sent out on Monday and expected to be returned the following Monday. The children will receive a star sticker on our homework chart as an incentive for bringing it back. Year 1 and 2 will have weekly spellings to learn at home and will be tested on them weekly. Please practise these every evening for 5 minutes.
- **Forest school** is every **Thursday** afternoon. Children will change at the start of every session. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing and waterproofs for each session and that their belongings are in a large open bag to help them find and put away their own items. This stops them from struggling with too many bags.
- **P.E.** is every **Friday**. Children will change into their PE kits at the start of the lesson. Please ensure your child's kit is in line with our uniform policy and reflects the weather. Many thanks.