



St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers of Reception,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. We have had a fantastic first week back at school, exploring our new topic "Under the Sea." We have been loving creating our own sea creatures to adorn our Ocean Café role play area. Thank you once again for all your support over the last term. It's been lovely to see the children return so enthusiastically. This half term the children will continue to be taught by myself and Mr Cutts (Friday morning) and supported by Miss Haydon all day. Miss Hunjan will continue to support us in the mornings and Ms Norbal in the afternoons.

Please see a reminder of important days below:

Fridays – We have PE every Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit with their school uniform in their bag. **Please clearly label every item of clothing.**

Thursdays – Home learning is set on Thursdays. Please continue to access your child's home learning via Google Classroom. Please note that home learning evidence for Reception children should be uploaded to Tapestry. This will be different to any siblings in other year groups, who will be uploading theirs straight to Google Classroom. One of the wonderful aspects of Tapestry is it allows us to build a learning journal across both school and home.

Book Change Day – We have had a change of book change days. You can find your child's new book change day at the end of our home learning on Google Classroom, as well as a copy in their bags.

This half term our topic is: Under the Sea! For more information on what we will be learning, please see the Spring 2 topic web.

Punctuality is very important in Reception. We begin our morning work as soon as we come in at 8:55. It is really important that we make the most of every minute of learning, as we do not want children to miss the vital phonics work we do first thing. To support us in this please ensure that your child is in the playground **by 8:50**, ready to come inside at 8:55am. We ask that children join the line and adults stand back from the line or leave, in order to aid our independence and ensure a smooth start to the day.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in their bag every day. Having their own water bottle ensures their own independence at snack times, break times and throughout the day.

We ask that children do not bring any items from home in to school with them. It is not possible for us to keep track of toys, bracelets, or teddies during the school day and we do not want the children to be disappointed when they are lost.

Once again thank you for all your support. We are so excited for the term to come!

Kind Regards,

Miss Valuks and the Reception team



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