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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all. We are looking forward to the next academic year at Sheepscombe! We are writing to give you some information about the structure and running of the class this year. We hope this helps, but if you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Working with the children in year 1 & 2 will be Mrs Curzon and Miss Dicker (Class Teachers) and Mrs King (1:1 Teaching Assistant). Our staff timetable is as follows:

Mrs Curzon - Tuesday mornings with Miss Dicker and Thursdays

Miss Dicker - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Mrs King - Monday to Friday 1:1 support and she will also be working with us for our daily phonics teaching

Mrs Lane will also support with some of our daily maths teaching on some days.

The school morning starts at 8:45 and there will be learning for your child to take part in from 8:30. Please arrive promptly to help us with a smooth transition into the school day and we would encourage children to come into the classroom independently after putting their belongings in the cloakroom.

Weekly spellings will be given out on **Thursday** for your child to learn. Please support them with this over the week at home and help them identify spelling patterns. There will then be a short spelling test on the following Thursday.

Year 1 children will continue with the same reading structure and scheme from reception. Their phase book will be read in school and then sent home on the Friday of that week to read at home. This will mean that at the start of the year, year 1 children will not receive a phase book until the end of week 2. To ensure their reading continues during this time we will send home books from our banded books. Year 2 children will continue to use the banded books which may be supplemented with our phase book scheme.

Individual banded reading books will be changed every Friday unless there is a clear indication that the current reading book is still being read. If you need or would like to change your reading book at other times in the week then please let us know and we will be happy to do so. Children should read at home at least three times a week with an adult and this should be recorded in their reading record book. In School, children will be read with at least once a week either as part of a small group or individually. Reads will be recorded in their reading record book. Please make sure your child has their reading record book in school every day. Reads will be checked and counted by a teacher on a Friday which accumulates towards reading certificates given out in celebration assembly.



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After having a sort out over the summer, we have noticed many school reading books are missing and would greatly appreciate any of these books being returned to ensure all children have access to the resources.

PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon starting from the second week, please make sure your child comes to school in the correct kit. Forest School will be every other Thursday afternoon starting on week 3, please make sure they are dressed appropriately including long trousers, coats and suitable shoes for all weathers. The class will eat in school before leaving for forest school. A shorter PE lesson will also take place on a Friday afternoon. On Tuesdays the children will be doing Garage Band. Children should wear their regular school uniform and only need trainers for this Friday PE lesson.

On a daily basis, children should bring their reading records, a named water bottle and snack into class. Can we remind you that we are a nut free school, so please check ingredients before sending food in. Coats should also be brought to school even if the weather looks dry. You never know if it'll start to drizzle! We ask that children keep personal toys at home to prevent upset when toys are lost, broken or swapped. However, if you feel your child needs a special toy from home for emotional support then this can be discussed with staff.

If you would like to arrange a longer time to chat about your child, please organise a meeting for after the school day has finished as there is limited time on the door at the beginning or end of day.

We hope this information is useful and look forward to welcoming the children to Merlin Class!

Many thanks,
Miss Dicker, Mrs Curzon and Mrs King



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