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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year for year 1 and 2 children in Merlin class, we are looking forward to the next term 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. On Mondays the class teacher will be Mrs Curzon and Mr Gardner will be teaching from Tuesday to Friday. Mrs King will also be working with us for some of our phonics teaching.

The register will be taken at 8:45 and there will be early morning learning and activities for your child to take part in from 8:30. During break time the children are allowed fruit and vegetable snacks or a healthy carbohydrate type snack so please send in a healthy break time snack from home. Please avoid sugary snacks for break time and as we are a nut free school please no nuts at all. We also usually have some fruit or vegetables in school from the school fruit and vegetable scheme, but we are not able to say what fruit or vegetable it will be each week as we don't get that information ahead of time.

Weekly spellings will be given out on Friday 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 Friday.

Year 1 children will continue with the same reading structure and scheme from Reception using Little Wandle Letter and Sounds. 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 Big Cat reading scheme. Year 2 children will continue to use the Big Cat scheme which may be supplemented with our phase book scheme.

Individual Big Cat 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, as well as group reading times, your child will read individually with an adult at least once a week, which will be recorded in their reading record book. Please make sure your child has their reading record book in school every day.





PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon starting from the next 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 and coats. The class will eat in school before leaving for forest school. On Mondays the children will be doing Garage Band Music on the iPads with our Gloucestershire Music teachers and a shorter PE lesson will also be on Friday afternoon.

We hope this information is useful and look forward to an excellent year.

Many thanks, Mr Gardner and Mrs Curzon

