



Whiteknights Primary School

Growing Greatness



Headteacher Mrs B Reynolds

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child/ren to Whiteknights. It is such an exciting time for your family, as it's your child's first year in full-time statutory education. With this new chapter beginning, I am sure you still have many questions, so we hope you find this letter informative.

What does my child need to bring into school with them?

- A Whiteknights book bag with their reading record inside every day (the school will provide a reading record when the children bring home a decodable book).
- A water bottle with fresh water daily.
- Spare uniform, including underwear and socks in a plastic bag.
- Appropriate clothing- coats on cold days and sunhats on hot days.
- PE kit, in a Whiteknights PE drawstring bag, every Wednesday.

To give you a clearer picture of what we are learning in the coming term, we have attached an outline of the topics that we will teach and the books we will be reading. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

Early Years is an incredibly important year for all children, as the progress they make in their Early development sets them up as life-long learners. Therefore, the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home every day with an adult, as this is an imperative routine to embed. Initially, we would expect you to read a story every day to your child. Your child will have access to a range of storybooks or you can read books you have at home or from the library. Once you have been provided a reading record we would expect you to write in their daily. It **must** be kept in their book bag and brought into school every day. After four weeks, we will provide you with a decodable book each week for the children to read to you.

PE: Children **must** bring their PE kit to school every Monday. Our PE day is Wednesday; however, our PE day can change depending on the weather. The children will wear their PE kit home after every session to be washed ready for the following Monday. Trainers must be included, and when the weather is warmer, pupils must wear black shorts and a white school PE shirt (these can be purchased from the school office). However, when the weather is colder, pupils must wear dark coloured tracksuit bottoms with a dark coloured (unbranded) hoody/ sweater. As dressing is an

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aspect of the Early Years curriculum we will be encouraging the children to change and look after their clothes as independently as they can, so every item of clothing must be named.

Spare Clothes: Please ensure your child has a spare set of uniform including knickers or pants in a carrier bag that stays on their peg every day. This is in case they get dirty/ wet or have a toileting accident. If they do not have any spare clothes and borrow uniform from school, it all needs to be washed and returned to school.

Exciting News!

Over the Summer holidays Mr Rapson has embarked on building an Early Years nature area, which will have a giant sandpit, mud pit, construction toys, water play and a vegetable garden. In order for the children to enjoy this area in all weathers we are asking parents to provide their child with a pair of wellies and a puddle suit (all in one waterproof suit), that will be kept in school. This area, will not be completed until after October half term, so you have enough time to organise getting these items. Like any uniform, please ensure everything is named.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us,

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Leary, Mrs May and Mrs Kelly