



Acting Headteacher Mrs B Reynolds

Dear Parents,

We have been delighted with how well and quickly the children have settled into their first year of school and the development they are making.

To give you a clearer picture of what the children are learning in the coming half term, we have attached an outline of the topics that we will teach. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the half 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 and this to be recorded into their reading record. You will receive a decodable book each week for your child/ren to read to you. Alongside, we would like you to share stories and read to your child.
- **Physical Development:** We expect children to become increasingly more independent. If you could factor time in during the weekend to teach your child/ren to: put on their own tights/ socks, zip up their own coat, cut up their own food and learn how to write their own name.
- **Communication and Language:** We expect children to be speaking in full sentences with correct pronunciation. Model speaking in full sentences to your child/ren, as well as correcting any words they are pronouncing incorrectly, such as banana or yellow.

Attendance: We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously illness cannot be avoided but, if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

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

- A Whiteknights book bag with reading record and decodable book inside every day
- Named water bottle with fresh water daily.
- Spare uniform, including underwear and socks.
- Appropriate warm clothing
- PE kit, in a Whiteknights PE drawstring bag, for Thursday.

On Wednesday 7th February 2024, we will be having a Chinese Dragon workshop. If you are able to come and talk to the children about your experience of celebrating Chinese New Year in the afternoon, please speak to your child's class teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Leary, Mrs May and Mrs Gibby