

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you and your child back to the new school year; I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the children are well rested for a busy term. I am very much looking forward to working with the children in Base 2 with support from Mrs Winward.

Our Learning Journey for this term is based on Explorers with links to the Wright brothers and Amelia Earhart. We will be using a range of texts to support our learning throughout this term, including *Emma Jane's Aeroplane* and *Taking Flight*. We will be undertaking a range of exciting and interesting activities to find out as much as we can about our explorers. Please see the termly plan for an overview of some of the learning we will undertake. If you feel you can contribute towards our Learning Journey in any way (artefacts / books / photos, support in class with a particular skill etc.) it would be warmly welcomed.

### **Expectations**

During Key Stage 1, it is important for the children to continue to develop their independence and start to take more responsibility for their learning appropriate to their stage of learning and development. I will challenge and support your child in their learning, but will expect your child to do their very best and contribute positively to our class so that we all have a very rewarding and successful year. It is really important that we work together to help your child succeed both personally and academically.

### *Arrival at school*

Good attendance is necessary for good progress. Please ensure your child arrives between **8:45 and 8:55am** ready to start the day. Morning activities (Maths and Literacy based), which consolidate or challenge the children's learning, are set up for this time in readiness for registration of the class by 9am and a smooth transition into the literacy lesson.

### *Monies and messages*

All monies and messages must come into school via my-self to assist Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Hughes in the office at the start of the day. It is important for the children to bring monies and messages in for themselves to help them become responsible and independent. If possible, it would benefit the office if you were able to use Parentmail.

### *Outdoor clothing*

We all know the weather is very changeable at this time of year. Therefore, appropriate clothing must be in school; in particular, a warm/waterproof **coat** should be brought/worn to school every day.

### *Snack*

A breakfast snack will be available from Mrs Warner at break times each day at a small cost, but if your child wants to bring a snack from home please ensure that it is a healthy snack as we are promoting healthy living.

### *School Lunch*

As the children are still within Key Stage 1, they are still entitled to a free school meal each day. You may prefer for your child to bring a healthy packed lunch.

## Water bottle

We request that a labelled (name) water bottle is provided for your child to ensure they are drinking enough water across the school day.

## Base 2 Timetable

We will have daily maths and English/Literacy lessons with the afternoons dedicated to our Learning Journey, which will include science, art, design and technology, geography, history, music and computing. There may be times where some of these subjects will be linked due to the nature of the task and our cross curricula approach to learning.

On Wednesday afternoon the children will receive an hour of RE with Mrs Clarke and an hour of PE. We will also have a session of PE on Friday afternoon.

The children will continue to receive a 20 minute French lesson with Madame Sharpe, in their year groups, on Friday mornings.

Day	8.45-9.00	9.00-9.25	9.25 – 10:20	10:20 – 10:40	10.40-11:00	11.00-12.00	11.55 - 12:55	1.00- 1:20	1:20-2:30 (Playtime – 2:30-2:45)	
Monday	Registration and focus activities	Spelling/Phonics	Literacy	Playtime	Guided reading	Maths	Lunchtime	Assembly	Learning Journey/story time	
Tuesday		Spelling/Phonics	Literacy		Guided reading	Maths		Assembly	Learning journey/story time	
Wednesday		Spelling/Phonics	Literacy		Guided reading	Maths		PPA – PE and RE		
Thursday		Spelling/Phonics Spelling test	Literacy		Assembly	Maths		Reading for Pleasure	Learning journey/story time	
Friday		Spelling/Phonics	French		Guided reading	Maths		PE	Learning journey/story time	Assembly

## PE

**PE kits** (red top, black shorts/trousers, trainers, black jumper) must be in school EVERYDAY, especially Wednesday and Friday. PE kits should then be taken home to be washed over the weekend and brought back into school on Monday. There may be opportunities during our Learning Journey lessons for additional PE sessions so PE kits may be needed on other days. The children will be reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure PE kits are in school.

## Homework

Once the children are settled and we have gained baseline assessments, regular homework will be sent on the following days:

- **Literacy or Maths**

A literacy or Maths based homework will be sent home once a week on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday, this will consolidate our learning in class. It may be a research based activity.

- **Times Tables -Test day Friday (Year 2 children)**

To be practised at least 5 times throughout the week before the test. Y1 children will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

- **Spellings -Test day Thursday**

To be practised 5 times throughout the week before the test.

- **Daily Reading**

Sharing a story /reading should be done daily, for at least 15 minutes, with comments written in the reading record.

### **Home time Arrangements**

It is very important that the Home Time Arrangement sheet is completed and brought back to school. Please do notify me of any changes to home time arrangements at Meet or Greet in the morning or by phoning the school office.

### **Open door**

My door is always open and I am always very happy to help should you have any concerns, wish to share information that is relevant to your child's well-being or require additional information regarding your child and their learning or progress. I will be at the door every morning or you can arrange a time to meet with me at a time that is convenient for the both of us.

There is a meeting booked in for **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm** focussing on *How to help my child settle into learning*. This will be led by my-self and Mr Morrison and is aimed at parents of children in EYFS and KS1. We very much hope you will be able to attend as important information will be given about your child's learning journey at Wrenbury. We are providing a crèche/childcare to help you to be able to attend and we very much hope you'll be able to join us.

I am looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable year with you and your child.

Kind regards,

Miss McKinnon