

EAST HARPTREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the new school term in Squirrel Class! We have had a very positive start to the term, with the children settling back into school routines. Miss Davey will be joining us this year, as the class teacher on Mondays and Tuesday morning.

We have got lots of exciting learning ahead this coming year, with Swimming lessons started today.

In term one, our English will be based around our first book 'Change Sings' where the children will be writing poetry. Our whole class guided reading text is 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson. In History we are learning about the Stone Age and in Science, animals including humans (the skeleton, healthy living). Mr Harvey has set us a special whole school theme of 'trees' this year and we will be creating a piece of artwork based around this.

As we are in the new academic year, and each child has moved up a year group, I thought the following information would be useful:

Homework

Reading:

Across our school, we aim for each child to read at home with an adult, at least 5 days a week, as part of homework. When they have read, please then record it in their reading record book. In class the children are encouraged to independently change their reading book as and when they need to. When listening to your child read, please ask them questions, and discuss what they have read. Please ensure reading books and records are at school every day. I try to check reading records each week on Fridays.

In class, we also have "Guided Reading" sessions using a shared text. The children discuss, and read aloud, a book or text with the teacher and answer comprehension style questions.

Spelling Words:

Your child will be given weekly spellings to learn. Spellings will be allocated on Monday and tested the following Monday. Your child should learn these words by whichever method they prefer e.g. 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' in their homework book or using Ed Shed to practise and this will be monitored by Miss Davey each week. The children will have this login stuck to the inside cover of their Homework book.



Maths Homework



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Weekly maths homework will be set online with 'Doodle Maths'. Their login and passwords remain the same and they will have a copy of this in their homework book shortly. The homework set will consolidate work learnt in class during the week.

By the end of Year 3, children are expected to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4, 6 and 8 multiplication tables, with Year 4 knowing all tables up to 12. There will be times table practice during the week and on Fridays.

Other information:

Behaviour and expectations

Our class have discussed our school rules 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. Positive behaviour is always modelled, praised and rewarded. Please refer to our school website for details of our Behaviour policy.

Water bottles and snacks

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day, with their name clearly on it (sorry no squash). They may bring a piece of fruit for break times for a snack if they would like to.

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is named. Then, if an item is found it is easier to return it to its owner. Please also ensure they wear a coat to school if the weather is cold or wet as we try to get outside when we can.

PE

PE day is Tuesday, and children should wear their PE kit to school on this day. Earrings must be removed or covered. No earrings to be worn at swimming. Long hair must also be tied back for swimming.

Messages to Class Teacher

Messages for the teacher can be sent via 'Class Dojo'. Please note, Miss Davey teaches on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Banks teaches Tuesday pm through to Friday. If it is urgent, then please contact the school office.

I hope this letter has been useful and will help your child's transition from one year group to the next. Thank you for your continued support, if you have any special skills or talents, you would be willing to share then we would love to learn from you, so do get in touch! Or, if you would be willing to volunteer on future trips, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Banks and Miss Davey

