6th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Carlyon and I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holidays and have spent lots time enjoying the sunshine. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all again and starting the new school year.

We would like to introduce Mrs. Mobbs to Hedgehogs Class. Mrs. Mobbs will be working with us throughout the term. I know you will all give her a warm welcome to Hedgehogs Class and Holywell School.

I would like to give you some information about Hedgehog’s class and our routines.

PE: This will be on a Tuesday and Friday with Mr Day. Children are to wear appropriate PE kit to school on these two days only – school uniform must be worn on all other days.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them when they come to school on Monday each week. This will be with them on their desk as we are no longer allowed to use the water fountain. Children are able to refill their water bottles with fresh water throughout the day. We will send the bottle home with your child on Fridays.

Home learning: This term the children will receive either a topic, maths or English activity as well as spelling and reading. Their home learning will follow a sequence of one week topic, one week maths, one week topic, one week English and so on. Home learning will be set on a Friday and should be in (either on teams or physically handed in) by the following Friday – It will always be for one week unless told differently. We will be starting with a topic home learning on September 16th. For this home learning, you will be given a grid where you can choose one activity per week to complete. For spellings, you will be sent home with a list of spellings to practice ready to be tested on the following Friday.

Reading: For those who are on the Read Write Inc. (RWI) scheme, assessments will be taking place during the first couples weeks of term and once this is complete they will be sent home with an appropriately matched book to their reading level for them to read. They must ensure that they read frequently at home (at least 10 minutes each day). RWI books will be swapped every week to match up with the books they are reading in school. For those who are on Accelerated Reader, assessments will also be taking place during the first couple of weeks of term and once this is complete, they will bring home texts that are appropriately matched to their reading age. They must ensure that they read frequently at home (at least 10 minutes each day) as they will be tested when they finish the book and it becomes harder to recall information if they take an age to finish the text! Please, please do encourage your child to read at home – reading really is the gateway to all other learning.

A reading log will be provided for your child and I ask that either you or your child fill this out each they have read their reading book.

This terms topic will be: Safe in the Countryside. It is a History topic and our focus will be on the Second World War. If you have any resources at home, or any family stories, that you would like to share with us that would be wonderful!

If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to drop me an email on [sboundy@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:sboundy@ventrus.org.uk) I pick up emails frequently and will get back to you as soon as I can. If you wish to come into discuss anything to do with your child, please email me so we can arrange a time in order to do so.

I hope this has covered all of your questions and look forward to a very busy and exciting term ahead.

Best Wishes

Sarah Boundy