

January 2023 Term 3- Year 1/2

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 3. We trust you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break. This term promises to be another busy, fun-filled one. Our overall topic theme will be 'Castles' as well as some standalone units we aim to cover as part of the curriculum (please see the school website for details). We also have our drama production of 'Pirates Versus Mermaids' which we will be working on to perform to you in the last week of term.

PE

Please could children remember to have their PE kits in school every day as PE days will differ.

Just a reminder our school PE kit is black joggers or shorts, a plain t-shirt of their school team colour (Earth-green, Fire-red, Wind-yellow, Water-blue) and their Paxcroft school jumper or the Paxcroft school hoodie.

We would also appreciate it if your child could bring a bottle of water into the classroom to drink during the day. Please ensure it is **water** only and is in a **named** bottle with a sports type cap.

Planning non -contact time

Every week the teachers have planning non-contact time. Over the year your children will be taught by Miss Shaw and their teaching assistant.

Woodpecker - Tuesday morning

Kingfisher - Wednesday morning

Nightingale - Thursday morning

PACT Folders / Homework

You can help your child by listening to them read regularly and by ensuring they can read and spell the Year 1 or 2 Common Exception words. We encourage regular use of the Mathletics website on computer or tablet. You could also visit the library to look at books to extend your child's learning.

We will continue to send home fortnightly Sounds-Write homework based on your child's learning the previous week. This will be sent out on a Monday and will need to be returned completed on the following Friday. The Dandelion 'Sounds-Write' books will also continue to be sent home and it is very important that the children read these at least 3 times a week as they need to be fluent before moving on.

Please record in their yellow Reading Record each time you hear them read. We really appreciate your support with this. These books are more important than the banded ones so please prioritise these to read if you only have time for one.

We look forward to working with you during the forthcoming term.

Yours thankfully,
Year 1 / 2 team.