Learning at Home

It is expected that all Reception children read with their parent/carer at least twice a week. In order to gain a new book, the children must have a signature and a comment in their reading diary from an adult to say that they have read their previous book. They will also have a variety of homework tasks (that can be chosen by you from a given list). This will start after the first half term.

Please feel free to make comments on your child's homework to let us know how they managed with the task.

If you have any queries, please contact a member of the Reception team.

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Bluebirds' Class

A Guide To Classroom Routines

Introduction

At Tranmere Park Primary School we believe that learning is a two way partnership between home and school.

We hope this leaflet will answer some of your questions as your child moves into their new class.

Your Child's Class Teachers and Support Staff

Miss Marsden
Class Teacher, EYFS Phase Leader and SLE

Mrs Hyde
Teaching Assistant (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs Slassor
Teaching Assistant (Friday)

Miss Marsden teaches all week in Bluebirds but has Senior Leadership Team time (SLT time) on a Thursday afternoon and Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA time) on a Tuesday morning. PPA time is covered by Mrs Hyde, who will teach Religious Education during this time. SLT time is covered by Mrs Martin, our Learning Mentor, who will teach our PSHE lessons.

Mrs Martin
Learning Mentor

Things to know…

Bookbags

The children should bring their book bags into school every **Monday** (it will be returned to you that day) **and Thursday** (it will be returned to you on Friday). A member of staff will empty and sort their book bag.

Reading Books

Each week your child will bring home two reading books. One of these (on Monday) will be a free choice book and one book (on Friday) will be from our school reading scheme. The free choice books are selected by the children. These are to support our work on 'Reading for Enjoyment.' It is not expected that your child will read these books totally independently but it may be a book that you share together. Please indicate in your child's home/school diary that they have read their book. You may also use your child's diary to record any messages for us to read. We may also use them to record messages for you, so please check these regularly.

Physical Education (PE)

Children in EYFS are taught their physical development through both our outdoor and indoor provision and it is not compulsory to have specific PE lessons. However, we feel that they are a great way for children to learn new skills and become a little more confident and independent, so we schedule a weekly session in the school hall. Bluebird's class will have their PE lesson on a **Monday morning**. At specific times throughout the year (e.g. December and July) the school hall will be in use for practising for performances. At these busy times, the children will not have their PE lessons but will still have opportunities for physical development tasks in our provision. At the end of each half term, your child's PE kit shall be returned to you so that it can be washed.

Word cards and spellings

When the class teacher feels that children are ready, they will send home word cards for the children to learn. The words include high frequency words (common words) and tricky words (those that can not easily be sounded out e.g. the, she, me). The children need to learn these words so that they can read them quickly on sight and will be 'tested' on them in an informal, game situation on a **Thursday or Friday morning**. Children progress through their word cards at their own pace and it would be extremely helpful if the children could practise them at home. This will really support their progress.

Homework

Each half term after October half term, a topic based homework grid will be available on the school website. It is expected that your child will complete at least one of the activities from the grid each week and hand it in (inside their homework folders) on a **Monday morning**. There are a range of fun and exciting options to choose from, as well as shorter and longer tasks (depending on how busy your week is) so please feel free to be as creative as you like! Homework will be celebrated in class with a show and tell session and stamped by a member of staff. It will then be returned to you the following week, unless it is being used as part of a class display.