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Welcome to Class R!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support in helping your child settle into life at Stratton – we have all had a wonderful week getting to know your children, building new friendships and exploring our new classroom. Your children have all been a credit to you; they have been polite, friendly and fantastic listeners! We have been practising some of our class routines, such as ‘choose it, use it, put it away’ and the children have adapted well to being independent, collecting and eating their lunch in the hall. Next week we will send out our Autumn Term 1 Context Grid, which will outline our topic for this half term and the areas of learning we will be covering.

House Teams

Your child should have come home this week with a little slip indicating which House they will be a part of throughout their time at Stratton. If you did not receive this, please let one of us know on drop off/pick up and we will help.

Forest School

Our first Forest School session will be on Tuesday 16th September and these sessions will be led by Mrs Grace (our KS1 Forest School Leader) supported by Mrs Eamer. Sessions will then regularly take place every Tuesday afternoon. Please could the children bring in some old clothes you are happy for them to get muddy and explore in; these items should all be long sleeved/legged to avoid any scratches from plants. They will also need a pair of labelled wellies and preferably an all-in-one waterproof coverall (or waterproof coat/trouser combination). We usually attend Forest School in all weathers (apart from thunder storms), so please prepare for your child to get wet and muddy! The children will leave our forest school area for pick-up time and will be collected straight from the playground, going home in their forest school clothes. Please ensure their forest school clothes are brought into school every **Tuesday** ready for these sessions.

P.E

P.E sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons with Mrs Walters and will also aim to start next week. Please could the children's P.E kits start coming into school ready for the start of their sessions. The children will practise getting changed, so please ensure all items of their kit are labelled. (Yes, we have found a PE t-shirt in the bookshelf in the past!) They will need a t-shirt (house colour or white), black shorts/leggings and daps/trainers. This can be brought in a drawstring bag and we will send kits home at the end of every half term for freshening up. Any questions please ask.

Yellow Reading Diaries

Next week we will start sending home your child's yellow reading diary, which will first begin with a wordless book that you can share with your child at home. The aim of this is to get your child into the habit of reading for a short time at home with you. They can talk about the pictures and what they think might be going on in the story. Every time your child reads at home with you or a family member, please could this be recorded with the date, book title and a very short comment on how they did – did they have some good ideas, anything they found tricky etc. We will aim to change the children's books twice a week, usually on a Monday and a Thursday and we ask the books are read 3 times for practise, fluency and comprehension. We will be holding a Phonics Information Evening over the coming term to support you with this. Information will be sent out about this soon.

Tapestry

Thank you for returning your Tapestry permission slips. Last week you should have received an email to the address given to activate your account. You will then start receiving observations about your child's learning throughout the week. If you have any problems with your Tapestry account please speak to one of the team.

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

Over the next few weeks the staff will be carrying out the RBA with your child, which is a statutory assessment all children starting school required to undertake. These are nothing to worry about and will be done in the classroom with a familiar adult. Should you require any information about this please visit the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

Wet Weather

Now that we are seeing quite a lot of wet weather, please could you ensure that your child comes into school every day with a waterproof coat. It may also be useful to bring a spare pair of wellies that you are happy for them to leave in school to use as well.

Thank you again for all your support so far, we look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Many thanks,

Class R Team

Mrs Eamer, Mrs Walters and Miss Wenban