

## Welcome to Amber Class 2025 -26



In September your child will be in Amber class with Mrs Anderson and Ms Smart Here are a few bits of information to help you feel prepared. As always any questions please do ask.

### PE Kit

Our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your children are wearing a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/jogging bottoms.

### Water bottles

Please can children bring in a named water bottle from home. They can keep it at school all week and they will be responsible for refilling it.

### Homework and reading

Children will bring home an independent book to read. Please listen to your child every day and write in their diaries 3 times per week. An independent reading book will be just below their reading level so they practise fluency and reading out loud. If the book is too difficult, let me know by writing in their diary or speaking to me. Children must bring their book bags every day. Please check their book bags daily for letters or other information. It would be great if they could bring in an old top to wear over their uniform for art as we do not have aprons.

### Doodle maths

Children are expected to complete Doodle maths at least 3x a week, daily is better! Completing their 5/6 a day (whatever stage they are on) every day has been proven to help. Which takes only about 2 minutes-depending on their questions. If you do not have your login, don't worry I will be sending them home in September.

### Topic Information-September

Ships ahoy! The sea is fascinating! Why not take a trip to the coast? Visit the harbour, lifeboat station or beach and take plenty of interesting photographs. Over the year, we will ask children to bring in photographs of places they have visited so we can display them on our class maps. Remember to talk about where we live. What town do we live in? What country do we live in? What are the countries of the United Kingdom? We live on an island and are surrounded by water, can you learn the names of the seas surrounding the UK? If you enjoy singing, sing along to some lively sea shanties performed by The Fisherman's Friends from Port Isaac in Cornwall. Visit their website to access free sample tracks.

### The arrangements for the first week

For the first week of school, Ms Smart and I will meet your children up near the front gate alongside Rainbow Class from 08:40. We will then take them straight to the classroom to start the day. From the following week, the children will come down to the classroom by themselves. You will then be able to pick up your children at 3.10pm from the back classroom doors.

### Forest school

We will be having forest school roughly every 3 weeks. The dates of these will be sent out at the beginning of the term with an equipment list.

### Trips

We have a trip booked for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, we will be going to Pizza Express at Gloucester Quays to make pizza as part of our DT. We will be getting the bus there! Details will be sent out in September but it is a date for your diary.

We will be doing a couple of other trips throughout the year so watch this space!

### Timmy

We have a lovely tortoise toy who comes home with your child for the weekend with someone who has wowed us in the week-every child will get a chance at some point throughout the year!

We are all so excited to have you as part of Amber class and cannot wait to start properly in September with you all. Hope you have an amazing, safe Summer and see you all on September 2<sup>nd</sup>!