

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to welcome you and your child to Eclipse class. We are very much looking forward to working with you in year 5. Please find below, details regarding staffing, routines and timings to help everything run smoothly in the Autumn term.

Staffing - The teachers for Comet class are:

Miss Isaac - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Mrs Cuff- Thursday.

Early morning routine -Please refer to the drop off times as usual.

Fruit time – The children can bring a piece of fruit to eat during morning play.

Drinks – Each child will need to bring in a water bottle to drink throughout the day. They can be left under the tables for the children to use freely during the day.

End of day routine – We will bring the children to the gate for pick up, unless they are participating in an afterschool club or leaving independently. Please ensure that you notify the school if you have any changes.

Toys – Please can you make sure that your child does not bring in any toys to school. We will provide writing equipment but the children are welcome to bring their own pencil cases.

Uniform – We ask that you regularly check that all clothing is named, including their PE kit, and that all children are provided with a hat in hot weather, and a coat when it is cold or wet. We like to get the children out at playtime every day, even in light rain!

PE – Our class will have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday, so please make sure they wear P.E kit on these days. The children can leave their outdoor learning kit in their lockers.

Reading – We will be doing various reading activities every day, and therefore please make sure that the children always have their books in their reading bags in school. In addition to this, we will have a class text that all of the children will access together. These books have been carefully chosen in line with Hampshire guidance and the comprehension questions/writing tasks will be adjusted to suit your child's reading ability.

Trips-We plan to do plenty of exciting school trips this year and will try to keep the costs as low as possible. However, we do plan to visit the mainland and will try to give you plenty of warning to allow time to save for these trips.

## Homework -

Spelling homework will be sent home on a Monday and we would ask that you encourage your child to learn their words (please practice the words in a style that suits your child). Their homework needs to be handed in on the following Monday morning and then these words will be tested that morning. Please encourage your child to read at home. I will not send home a reading record book as it puts more pressure on you as parents to fill it in!

Thank you for taking the time to read this very long letter! The children have already settled really well. We hope that this will be a fun and happy year in our class.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Isaac Mrs Cuff

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