

September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Having got through the first couple of weeks, we would now like to officially welcome you and your child to Horizon class. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children in year 6. Please find below, details regarding staffing, routines and timings to help everything run smoothly in the Autumn term.

**Staffing** – The teachers for Horizon class are:

Miss Isaac - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
Mrs Lewis - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
Miss Lucas - Monday to Thursday.

**Early morning routine** – a reminder that all children should be in school, ready to learn by 8.30am.

**Break time:** 10.30 – 10.45am – a piece of fruit or healthy snack can be brought to school to eat during morning play

**Drinks** – Each child will need to bring in a water bottle to drink throughout the day. If they have a sports bottle with a pop up top they can be left under the tables for the children to use freely.

**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.

**Uniform** – We ask that you regularly check that all clothing (including PE kits) are named – you would be surprised at the number of unclaimed items each week. When the weather gets warmer, a hat/cap can be brought in and a coat/waterproof when it is cold or wet. We like to get the children out at playtime everyday, 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. Outdoor learning is on a Wednesday.

**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 a range of school trips this year and will try to keep the costs as low as possible. However, we do plan to visit the mainland but 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.

**Maths homework** comprises of Times Tables Rockstars – 5 mins per evening and Prodigy – an online maths platform.

Hopefully this information will help you and your child to settle quickly into Horizon class. If you have any pressing concerns or questions about your child or our routines, then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to us before or after school. However, we do usually inform you of your child's progress during our Parent/Teacher interviews.

**SATs** – As you are probably well aware, year 6 is SATs year. We will be inviting you in for an informal session regarding this in the new year.

We hope that this will be a really positive year for your children.

Regards,

Miss Isaac  
Mrs Lewis

