



SINGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome to Singleton School.

We hope we have a mutually, supportive and productive year, working in partnership together.

Our first priority is that your child comes into school happy and settled and begins to make good friendships by sharing, caring and taking turns.

If there are any issues, above “normal” reception behaviour I will contact you. Please do not try to deal with issues between yourselves.

Our topic for the half term will be “Ourselves” we will have a health centre role play area in the classroom and a lot of our work will be centred on this.

Please can you send in a photograph of your child from when they were a baby. During the course of this topic we will be talking about our senses and we will be tasting food. If your child has any allergies, or if you do not want your child to taste different foods, please let one of us know.

The school week will generally run as follows:

Each morning on entering school the children hang up their coats and take their drinks bottles (and fruit, if they bring it) into the classroom. We ask that they ONLY bring water please----no juice.

They then get a book and sit on the carpet.

Every morning the children will access continuous provision and through this they will be taught numeracy and literacy. This takes place indoors and outdoors.

Break is at 11:00am, prior to break the children are given fruit; they may bring in their own if they wish but we do have a good selection in school.

Phonics is after break, followed by lunch at 12:00.

The afternoons are all very different. We aim to provide the children with a rich and varied curriculum taught by teachers who specialise in different areas.

On Mondays Mrs Marshall will be in class for a creative afternoon.

On Tuesdays Mr Goostry takes the children for Forest Schools. Therefore, on a Tuesday please send in clothes your child can change into for the outdoors. We do have a large selection of wellies but if you prefer your child to wear their own please send them in.

On Wednesdays we have P.E. The kits stay in school and are sent home each half term.

On Thursdays I will focus on our topic.

On Fridays Mrs Rund will take the children for an afternoon of ICT.

Parents and carers ask what they can do at home.

We ask that you please support reading. Reading is a shared experience and we encourage you to talk about stories and ask questions.

Reading books will be sent home at an appropriate time. This is different for every child--- and is not a race! Once your child has a reading book, we ask that you keep them at home and only return them on a Tuesday and a Friday, when they will be changed. This gives you the opportunity to spend quality time on each book.

Memory games are a great way to support your child at home. Games like Lotto, Fish and Kim's Game. These types of games help children to develop all round memory skills, which is essential for future learning. We have found that, recently, these skills are not as developed as they used to be in many children.

With number work it is just using every opportunity you can to count out items.

On Fridays we encourage the children to bring something in for Show and Tell.

Show and tell gives the children the opportunity to develop confidence in speaking in front of a group and encourages the other children to ask questions. We encourage the children to bring in items of interest that everyone can learn from. Last year, for example, we had tadpoles, plants, shells, coins, a prayer mat, food from other countries and photographs taken when the child had visited somewhere of interest, like a castle. We do not encourage toys unless it is a birthday.

This half term I will be running workshops where I will share information and ideas on how to support your child on all aspects of school life. Mrs Lilley is our family learning mentor and she will be holding a coffee morning which will give you an opportunity to meet her and other parents.

We encourage everyone to be active in our school life, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to see me.

We are very much looking forward to a productive and fun year

Mrs Haigh and Mrs Lilley