

# Elephant's News

September 2020



## Welcome Back!

What a great start to the new school year! The children are already showing great learning behaviours, I am excited for the year ahead. Thank you already for your support.

## Homework and Reading Books

Reading books, reading records and homework books will need to be in school on a Wednesday to be returned to the children on Friday.

## Zones of regulation

In afternoon sessions, we are learning about 'zones of regulation'. These are 4 zones of emotions that we all enter at different points. We are helping the children to understand how they can use strategies to help them get into the 'good to go' green zone. More information will be sent home about this.

## PE kit

Children will need to come to school in PE kit on Thursday and Friday.

PE kit includes:

- Navy shorts or trousers.
- Plain white t-shirt
- Trainers

Please make sure earrings are taken out or that tape is sent to cover them up.

## English

In English, we are reading *The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse* by Charlie Mackesy. We are focussing on the quotes within the book to help develop the children's understanding of their lockdown experience and how we move forward from this.

## Maths

In Maths, we have started our place value unit. We are ensuring that we follow the White Rose recovery curriculum to recap on necessary learning that the children may have missed. We are focusing on the value of digits in numbers and counting forwards and backwards from a given number. We will be also be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. For more information please ask me.

## Our Drivers

Finding the talent in everyone by...

Respecting the environment

Being tolerant

Keeping safe

Imagining the possibilities

## Reading

Our class books at the moment are a selection of picture books around resilience, friendship and changes.

These books include:

*Beautiful Oops* by Barney Saltzberg

*The Dot* by Peter Reynolds

*Ruby's Worry* by Tom Percival

*More Would You Rather* by John Burningham

## Key Dates

PE - Thursday and Friday

Spelling test - Monday

Reading book change - Wednesday and Thursday and new ones on a Friday