



Class R Turtles



Term 1 & 2 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Class R!

Hello and welcome to Class R! What an exciting start to the new school year for the children. They have been getting to know their new classroom and routines and soon they will be taking a tour of the school. They are beginning to settle in very well indeed. The Early Years Team liaise every week to plan and assess how best to move the children forward with their learning. In the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum we observe the children in their learning by teaching and setting challenges within our learning environment.

Thank you for all the information that you shared about your child during the stay and play visits. This will help us to build up a picture of your child and to support their interests and their learning at school.

Collecting your child

Please let the school office know if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day. Thank you for being patient with us as we get to know your faces at home time.

PE Times

Our PE day is Wednesday. Your child will only need a pair of plimsolls for the time being. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and must be removed at home before school.

Contact

Please feel free to contact me by email. I will always reply as soon as possible.
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School Website

Additional class information is available on the school website, under New Reception Class 2020. <http://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

School Values and Rules

School Rules: Be kind, be safe and be ready to learn.

School values: Peace, friendship, trust, perseverance and respect.

This term we have introduced a new 5-step behaviour system across the school. All children will begin on the 'Ready to Learn' step. Throughout the day they can then move up for positive behaviours such as good work, being kind, being helpful etc. Children move down if they are showing any negative behaviours e.g. not listening, not following our school rules. For any exceptional learning, I will send home a surprise postcard to celebrate your child's fantastic week.

Home Learning

We are not currently setting any home learning, however here are some useful websites to help children practise key skills at home if you wish to take part.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

Topics

Term 1: All about me



Term 2: Celebrations + Autumn



Snack

The children receive free fruit or vegetables in the morning at snack time. Every day there is something different to try. If you would prefer to give your child an additional fruit snack please this needs to be in a plastic pot with your child's name on. Your child will receive free milk until their 5th birthday. After this time if your child wishes to continue having milk there is a payable charge.



Please ensure that your child's name is on all their belongings in school, including packed lunch boxes and water bottles.