



Dolphin Class Newsletter: September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to a new school year and for some of you welcome to Ryarsh Primary School! We hope that this year will be a wonderful, exciting and stimulating year for your children. We are certainly excited about the things we will be learning about.



We know that this can be an exciting but also scary time for both children and parents. If you have any problems or questions we are always here to help. Please keep us informed about anything we need to know about your child. You can either email Kayleigh.howman@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk, arrange a meeting in person or alternatively write a note in your child's reading record - all book bags are checked first thing every morning. Mornings are generally very busy but please feel free to talk to us in the playground after school or book an appointment via the school office.



This term the children's topic is 'Super Me' but we will follow the children's interests as well. During this term we will be learning about the school and classroom rules, and making sure your child settles into school well. We will be reading the stories 'Marvellous Me' and 'Superkid' (and many others!) and thinking about ourselves, what makes us special and understanding similarities and differences between ourselves and others.



READING RECORDS



- These need to be in book bags every day.
- Please check the reading record daily as we may have written something important; for example if somebody has fallen over.
- Let us know regularly if you have read with your child and how they have got on. All children will begin the year with wordless picture books as we are focusing on using pictures to tell our own stories.



HOME LEARNING JOURNALS



On a Friday the children's home learning journal will go out in their book bags. This holds all the information about what your child has been learning that week. If you would like to consolidate and follow up the learning we have done then please do and record anything in your child's learning journal! It is always lovely to see what your child has been up to at the weekend as well, whether that is a ticket and picture of them at Lego Land, or a comment about their achievements in their swimming class. At the end of the year these books are yours to keep, so you can fill the journal with whatever you wish. The more you regularly complete the learning journal the more of a picture we get about your child that will enable us to further their learning. All we ask is that you bring the learning journal back every Monday, whether it is completed or not. ☺ Enjoy!



STICKER CHARTS AND RUPERT



- Your children are likely to quickly tell you about 'Rupert' and their sticker charts. Each week, one child who has worked hard and behaved really well takes 'Rupert' our class mascot home. Please remember to send him back on Monday.
- In class, if children work hard, are kind and/or helpful and move onto different areas of our behaviour chart – the sun/cloud/rainbow and the big sunshine and they receive one or two stickers for their chart. When they have collected ten they get a head teacher's award from Mr Childs. If your child has been well behaved and helpful at home, please let us know and they can be rewarded in class with a sticker for their chart.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES:



- Please remember a coat which is named for your child each day. In Dolphin Class we like to get out as much as we can, even if it's slightly raining.
- Please make sure your child brings in their own **healthy snack** (fruit or vegetable in a **named food bag**). Only **one** piece of fruit is necessary as we have our own school snack for the afternoon.



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- Please make sure your child has a water bottle everyday (marked with their names or a sticker they can recognise).
 - Please make sure your child has a clearly named Ryarsh book bag.
 - Please ensure your children bring in their **reading records and reading book every day**, even if you've not had a chance to share their book with them
 - **Please let us know if anyone other than the usual person is collecting them after school.**
 - Children will do PE in the hall but will not need their kit until after the half term.
 - Please make sure every item your child is wearing is labelled with your child's name, this helps your child and us!
 - Home time – the children will be brought out to the playground and will be released one at a time to their parent/carer. Please be patient, initially this may take a while!

Please come and see me if you have any questions or problems. We appreciate any feedback that will help your children develop and prosper.

We are really looking forward to working with your children and having lots of fun!

Mrs Howman, Mrs Wildish, Mrs Tait.

