



Pawlett Primary
School

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HERON CLASS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, we hope you have had a restful and fun filled holiday. Thank you from all of the staff for the lovely presents at the end of last term.

This term our learning theme is 'What am I?'

We are very excited to welcome the children back to our lovely school to begin or continue their journey at Pawlett Primary School.

The children will be learning through play, so each experience is fun and exciting as well educational. We will spend a lot of time learning the school routines and getting to know our new friends. The Reception children will practice getting changed for PE in school, so will need their PE kit to stay in school. We will spend a lot of time teaching the children how to look after their belongings in school so that we all come home with the right clothes, shoes, lunch box and drink. It is essential that all of your child's belongings are named so that this can be a positive experience for them. Year 1 children will continue to come in dressed for PE on our PE days. Our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. If you feel that your child needs spare clothes in school, in case of an accident, please put these in their PE kit/book bag.

In school, the children will be learning letter sounds through the phonics programme, 'Read, Write Inc.' They will learn a new sound every day and explore things that begin with each sound. They will learn to blend sounds to read words, with the help of our friendly frog, 'Fred' who only speaks in sounds. We call this 'Fred talk'. We will also focus on learning 'red' words, which are words which cannot be sounded out and must be learnt by sight. There is lots of information about this programme and how you can support your child at home with phonics, on our website. We will be holding a Phonics meeting to give you more information about Phonics and how you can support your child. We will regularly share video links to Phonics lessons. Please use these with your child at home to support their journey in learning phonics.

Once the children have begun the Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme and are able to blend words, they will bring home a reading book, which they have read in school. They will also have a phonically decodable book related to the same theme as their reading book. It is a school expectation that children read 5 times a week. They will have their own reading record for you to sign once they have read. Please don't feel that you need to finish every book each night, reading a few pages each night will give your children the regular practice they need to become good readers without overwhelming them. All children will choose a storybook from our class library for you to read to them. Please ensure that your child looks after the books they bring home and return them on time. We change books weekly on a Monday. It is really important for the children to see reading as a pleasurable experience and a time for sharing stories with their grown up and enjoy talking about the stories they hear and read.



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As part of our learning enquiry, we need your help with a few things. Please could you:

- send in a photo of a special memory that your child has (e.g. family holiday, a special person/toy/place etc.)
- send in a photo of your child when they were a baby so we can play 'Guess the baby'
- Fill in the 'What was I like as a baby/toddler?' homework sheet.

You will find more detailed curriculum information about this term on the website and on Weduc. You will also find the 'Tell me about sheet' which we will use with the children in school to help prompt discussions. Please use this with them at home as well to find out more about what they have been learning.

We are really excited to be back at school and are looking forward to a super year ahead!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Kirsty Fraser



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What was I like as a baby/toddler?

What is my name?

When is my birthday?

Where was I born?

Was I born with hair or teeth?

My favourite toy/teddy was...

Where did I sleep and did I sleep well?

If I was crying, how did you soothe me?

What was my favourite food?

Did I have a favourite place/activity?

What was my first word?





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If there is any other information you would like to share about your child as a baby or toddler, please write it here for us to share in school.
