

MONKTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

A big welcome to everyone! We are so pleased with how quickly the children have settled into school and the new routines, especially during these challenging times! The children have adapted really well and we are looking forward to a brilliant year!

For the first term please can you help the children first thing in the morning by using the hand sanitiser before they come into the classroom and encouraging them to put their drinks and snacks on the trolley. We will keep their drink bottles in school and will fill these up for the children. The children will be encouraged to put their book bags and coats on their pegs.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Nelson as our full time teaching assistant and this term we will also have Mrs Frostick every Tuesday afternoon. Miss Springthorpe has her planning time every Wednesday morning, during this time Mrs O'Neill will be covering in Rabbits Class.

This term our main focus will be 'routines' and settling the children into daily school life. We will be focusing on relationships throughout the school and how we make our school a happy place. We will focus on various different topics throughout the year although most of our planning will be led by the children and their interests.

Our main focus for English will be following our 'Talk for Writing' scheme and looking at the book 'The Kiss that Missed' by David Melling, however in this first term we will have a large focus on name writing and recognising different letters in our names. We will also be looking at identifying animals and seasons in science. In music this term we will be using our scheme 'Charanga' and looking at the unit 'Me'.

We will soon begin teach 'phonics', more details of this will be shared in the future.

Rabbits will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term, the children usually bring their PE kits in at the start of term and keep them at school on their pegs until the end of term.

We record the children's learning through an 'e-profile' system, all the children's learning and observations will be done through this. Once this is up and running we will provide you with details. Within the classroom, we also have individual learning boards, where we will display the children's work, this will be changed on a regular basis to show the children's development. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions.

Miss Springthorpe and Mrs Nelson