

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!

As you can probably see we have had a lot of building work done over the holidays. Please feel free to come and see what we have achieved and if you have any questions about the new setting please feel free to ask.

For the first term please can you help the children first thing in the morning by putting their drinks and snacks in the trays. It would also great if you could help the children to find their names and put into the bucket.

We are lucky enough to have lots of different adults in Fieldmice. Mrs Bevan will be teaching from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs McCartney will be teaching Thursday and Friday. We have Mrs Harding and Mrs Davies, our teaching assistants who work Monday to Friday. We also have Mrs Buck, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Hulbert who will be helping us throughout the week as well. Mrs Bevan has her planning time every other Wednesday morning, on this morning Mrs Contardi (who teaches in Year 2) will be covering.

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. Our topic this term will be 'My School', although most of our planning will be led by the children and their interests. This topic helps the children to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings.

We will be looking at our local area and will be taking the children on several 'welly walks' to look at different parts of our community, inside and outside of the school grounds. It is Monkton Park School's 50th anniversary this year, so we will be looking at the history of the school and will be doing lots of different creative work based on school buildings. We will also be taking part in a whole school '1960s' day at the end of October (more details to follow).

Our main focus for English will be 'stories with familiar settings', 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 people and their pets in science and discussing our own pets and in music this term we will be using our scheme 'Music Express' and looking at the unit 'Hey You'.

We will begin teaching 'phonics' when the children are in full time, more details of this will be shared in the parent meeting on Thursday 20th September at 9:15 am.

Fieldmice will be doing PE on Tuesdays 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 'eprofile' 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. We also have within the classroom 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. We are really excited to be starting in a new room this year, and we believe that this new learning environment will be an amazing space for the children to develop. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions.

Mrs McCartney and Mrs Bevan