

MONKTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back. It's lovely to see so many familiar faces. It is great to see how quickly the children have adjusted to their new class and are stepping up to looking after the younger children. 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.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead. You will find the details of what we will be covering in each aspect of the curriculum over the next two terms in the attached curriculum map.

Our topic this term is `My School`. We will be finding out all about our school and how it has changed over time. If any relatives who have previously attended Monkton Park would like to come in to share their experiences of Monkton Park Life, please come and speak to me. We will also be taking part in a whole school '1960s' day at the end of October (more details to follow). Our topic after half term will be 'Colours`.

In science we are going to be learning all about pets and caring for them. We are going to have sessions where pets will be invited into school. If you would like to bring your pet into school and are happy to talk to the children about how you care for them. Please come and speak to me. If your child has any fears of animals or allergies please let me know.

Our PE days will change throughout the year. In term 1 PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday, so please make sure the children have their PE kits available for these days. In term 2 PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday mornings I will be having my planning time and the children will be taught by Mrs O'Neill. The children will be going to the ICT suite with Mrs O'Neill on Wednesday.

The children now have two reading books. Please ensure you write in your child's contact book so we know when reading books need changing. Books will not be changed unless we know the child has read them. The children will have opportunity to read with a teacher/teaching assistant or another adult during the week. They will also be bringing home a phonic homework book each Friday, please can this book be returned to school before Thursday on the following week.

Within the classroom we now 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.

We have a parents' evening later on in term 2 but if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come in before then.

The best time to catch me is usually after school. We look forward to an enjoyable and busy term ahead with the children.

Yours sincerely,

K Wilson (Miss)
Class Teacher