



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so pleased to welcome the new year ones and year twos into Seacole Class. The following information will help you to become familiar with our routines and expectations.

### **Home learning**

#### **Reading**

Please read with your child at least 5 times a week. In year one, the children will be reading books that are colour banded. Your child will be assessed at the beginning of the year, to see what phonics colour band they will be reading and what phonics group they will be joining. Your child will be able to take these coloured books home to read and will bring them back on a Monday so they can be quarantined. If your child finds it tricky to read to you, you could try reading to them a few times a week instead. Please record this in the reading journal by writing the date, signing your name and writing what book has been read. If your child found a word tricky you could record this in the reading journal too. Reading records will be checked and books changed on a Friday afternoon. For each read at home, your child will receive a raffle ticket which will go into class jar. Every half term, one ticket will be pulled out of the jar and the winner will receive a £10 gift voucher to spend on books. So the more you read at home, the more chance your child has of winning!

In year two, your child will complete an Accelerated reader assessment. This will show us what level book they will be able to read (this is called their ZPD). When they are reading ZPD levelled books, you don't have to record how many times your child reads in a reading record. After reading a book, they will complete a quiz, which will check they have understood what they have read. Every time your child passes a quiz, they will be given a raffle ticket to put into the class jar. It is really important for your child to understand what they have read in the book, to pass the quiz. This might mean they have to read the book more than once. The raffle tickets are then mixed in with the year one tickets.

#### **Spelling**

The whole school follow the rainbow spelling scheme. We test the children on the different coloured spelling sheets to see which spellings they need to practise. The highlighted spellings are the ones which need some practise at home. You can do this by getting the children to rainbow write the spelling, do look cover write check or by seeing how many times they can write it in a minute!

#### **Maths**

- Practise counting to and from 100 (try starting at different numbers!)
- Practise counting in 2,5,10 ( counting in 3's for a challenge)
- Name coins and notes. What can you buy with £1? How much money do we have all together?

- Practise adding and subtracting numbers. Do the numbers get smaller or bigger?

## PE

Seacole Class have PE on a Monday. While we usually have PE kits kept on pegs and changed into during the school day, due to the Covid-19 guidelines, we now ask that your child come to school on a Monday (starting 14<sup>th</sup> Sept) dressed in full PE kit. As we head towards chillier weather, please be mindful to ensure they are wearing their warmer PE kit, as they have to stay in it all day. The PE kit list is:

- Black or blue Shorts
- A royal blue round neck T-shirt
- Trainers
- Tracksuits for the colder months if required

Please ensure children have healthy lunches if they have a packed-lunch. We have a break time snack available at morning break time and we encourage children to drink water throughout the day, so they must have a named bottle in the classroom filled with water.

At the start of every half-term, the Seacole page on our school website will update with a few suggestions of what you can choose to do at home to enrich the learning they have been doing in topics at school. Please check and have a go at the activities!

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this information; please email the school office if you have any questions, which will then be passed to me.

Kind regards,

Miss Keatley