Dear Parents

**Wonwell Class Information Letter**

Welcome to Wonwell Class with Mr Rickard and Mrs Sherring. We are both very excited to be able to tell you about this term and the many exciting things we will learn in school.

**Topic**

Our topic this term is Memory Box. This focuses on looking at memories and exploring what it is like to be a baby, making links to a baby and growing through the developmental stages of life. Memories are important and we will spend time talking about them, sharing our favourites, and learning about how this is called history.

**Maths**

We will continue to explore number in many different ways, looking at place value and ensuring our knowledge of number is secure as we progress through the curriculum. Children will look at numbers to 20, numbers to 50 and 100 as well as begin to develop strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also explore our maths outside and make links to the real world!

**English**

Children will continue to practise their daily phonics, picking up where they left off last year. Phonics are taught in different phases and children will learn the phases that are appropriate to their current start points. As the term progresses we will be sending out phonics booklets to help you provide further support at home with their phonics learning. We will also be linking our phonics skills to write with capital letters and full stops as well as putting our words together to form sentences. We will write diaries linked to our memories and practice writing across a variety of genres.

**Reading**

We use a range of books from different publishers with many books selected from the Oxford Reading Tree, Rigby Stars and Read Write Inc. Books have started to come home with your children. Please take time to read with them, question their understanding of the text and take enjoyment from the process. We are currently in the process of designing brand new, robust home-school diaries. We are hoping to roll these out soon so you can record your reading at home in them. Please use the accompanied sheet for recording reading progress.

**Homework**

Homework will continue to take the form of our choosing tasks linked to the topic. Children will come home with a homework book this week and they can choose which tasks they wish to complete. Homework can be brought in on a Wednesday to be shared. Spellings and times tables will follow on separate letters for children to learn each week and then have a short test on Friday each week. The choosing sheet can be found glued into the homework book and also on our class website page.

**General Class Structure**

As you know, our Forest School session takes place on a Monday afternoon (please make sure they arrive in outdoor clothes for the day ahead) and PE is taught on a Wednesday afternoon (again arrive for the day in PE clothes). Children will be taught in a variety of ways and we will use our outdoor space to provide enriched learning opportunities. We will encourage our children to take part in daily physical activity which will vary according to weather conditions. Currently we have been exploring yoga positions and testing our brains with brain gym exercises!

We recognise the children learn in a variety of ways and that the different year groups both have different needs. The classroom environment provides our children with a range of resources and activities which have been designed to support their learning. For example, continuous provision tasks have been put in place to allow our year ones to consolidate their learning from the Foundation Stage which they would have missed out on during the lockdown.

As always, should you have any further questions, please catch one of us outside on the playground after school.

Kind regards,

Mr C. Rickard and Mrs M. Sherring
Wonwell Class Teachers

**Reading Record**

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