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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 Childhood. This topic explores what it's like to be a child, what it was like being a child in the 1950's as well as all of the associated language that links to childhood and growing up. We will also be looking at materials in science and locations and maps in geography.

### **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. 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 explore many different genres over the term and put into practice, the basics of writing whilst developing our language and ideas to write more coherent sentences.

### **Reading**

We have a range of books from different publishers at present and we have also invested in our new Big Cat books which you will all be familiar. These have been very successful and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking them home last term. Once we have checked their reading level, these books will begin to come home again. The home school diaries will start again and these are a great way to record your home reading with your child. Please record what you have read and provide any feedback which you feel will be helpful. It is vital that our youngest children are exposed to as many texts as possible. Please prioritise reading with your child where possible as it develops their language and improves their reading skills. If you can read with your child at least three times a week or more this will really help them.



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## **Homework**

Homework will change slightly this term going forwards. You will receive a separate letter about MyMaths. This is a weekly structured homework programme which can be attempted on any online device. It provides instant feedback and marks the work once completed. The maths homework will be directly linked to what they have learnt that week in maths. Please do consider supporting your child each week as it will really aid their learning and understanding.

The topic home learning sheet will remain as well which allows children to engage further with their topic at home. We are trying to send home less paper and as a result, the homework sheet will be posted on the Showbie Platform. There is a new Wonwell 21/22 class folder where the homework can be accessed as well as the spelling lists each week. The homework tasks can be completed on the Showbie platform using the forms or you can produce the work on paper or any other form and send it in to be celebrated. Don't be afraid to post videos and photos on the platform – we have seen some incredible efforts over the year!

For those new to Showbie. This is our online learning platform. It allows us to put on work for the children, their spellings and allows them to upload their homework, pictures and videos. We can also be contacted on the platform too. It is very simple to use and can be accessed from any online device. The children use this platform for their learning in class whilst in KS2 as well so using it in KS1 helps them become familiar with it.

We have setup all of our new children on Showbie and assigned the class already – all you need to do is login for the first time. For our Year 2's who have already been setup, you need to join a new class using the class code of PKV89. To login to Showbie, go to the web address <https://my.showbie.com/signin>. The username is your child's full name without any capitals or spaces, so Emily Smith would be emilysmith. For our new children the password is defaulted to holbeton but this can be changed after you first login.

## **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 Friday 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 either take form of the daily mile or moving and shaking or yoga. The daily mile will involve the children heading up to the newly built jog track where they can walk, jog or run around the track to keep themselves active. You may send your child in with trainers if they wish to change into them before going up.

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

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