

Somerford Primary School

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Dear Parents

Friday 17th September

We are delighted to welcome both you and your child back to school, as your child embarks on their Key Stage 2 journey! The children are getting back into their school routines and are already working very hard.

As you are aware, there are still some Covid restrictions in place in school. Year 3 children should be in school (at the back gate) at 08:50 and we finish at 3:25. Please continue to talk to your children about positive hygiene routines such as hand washing regularly and using hand sanitizer.

Please ensure your child brings a water into school every day and that it is clearly labelled please. Your child also needs to bring a healthy snack to school themselves in Year 3, as we don't receive free fruit for Key Stage 2 children.

This term our topic is called "The Shang Dynasty', which explore Ancient China and its history. During our 'wow' day the children made Chinese lanterns and practiced Chinese symbol writing, which they enjoyed. The main focus of this topic is History where we will be finding out about the historical reign of the Shang Dynasty and how the people of Ancient China lived.

We will be continuing with the RWI programme this term. Your child will still bring home the RWI book they are reading in RWI sessions and another book at the same level to read with you. Please ensure your child brings their books into school every day. They will need to leave them in their book bags unless they are told to change them by a member of staff. We are working extremely hard to promote reading and please do look on Marvellous Me to submit your child's school reading log daily. This is no longer recorded in their home/school book. If you are having any difficulties with this then please do ask for support.

We have a busy term ahead. PE this term will be on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child has warm clothing, when the weather changes, as Tuesday's PE is outside. Please label all of your child's uniform and PE clothing clearly.

Other key dates to remember are:

Friday 1st October- School closure for staff training. Thursday 14th October- School photographer. Monday 25th Friday 30th October Half Term.

Finally, please do continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week (in line with the Home Learning Policy) and record it on Marvellous Me. Also, please ensure your child uses TTRS and Spellzone websites at least 3 times a week. By the end of Year three, your child should know their 2x,5x and 10x 3x and 4x tables confidently. Daily practise really does make a huge difference!

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please arrange to meet with me or you can even send me an email. 3sb@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely, Miss Briant