

Useful Information for the Coots Class

Hello and welcome to the Coots class information page. My name is Mrs Collins and I am your child's classteacher. I am also the Lower Phase Leader.

Below you will find lots of useful information to support your child during the year.

I am looking forward to teaching your child this year and having lots of fun learning together.

We have lots of exciting learning planned in Year 2 and I am sure your child will have a wonderful time taking part in all the different activities.

Other staff that work with us are:

Mrs Latif the class Teaching Assistant

Mrs Wesson will teach the class on Thursday afternoon.

UNIFORM

Boys - Black or grey trousers, white polo shirt and a royal blue sweatshirt (Y6 NAVY)

Girls – Black or navy dress or skirt, white polo shirt, blue checked dress, blue sweatshirt or cardigan. Girls can wear leggings or trousers.



The children need to wear black school shoes with no logos. Trainers are not part of the school uniform.

HEADSCARVES

Girls can choose to wear a headscarf if they wish to. These should be plain black, blue or white and should have no decorations, and must not be fastened by pins. They should not be longer than shoulder length and must be removed for PE.

PE

Our PE day will be on a Tuesday

Children need to have a red polo t shirt, black shorts and black pumps.

Kits and PE bags (not pumps) can be bought from the school office.

Children can have plain black tracksuit bottoms for outside PE when the

weather is colder.

The PE kit should be brought into school and remain here until the end of each term, when it can be taken home for washing.



JEWELLERY

Jewellery is not allowed in school except for a small pair of stud earrings and a watch. For PE lessons, the earrings must be covered over with plasters (provided by the parent) or removed. The children must be able to remove them themselves. Please keep all other jewellery at home at all times for safety purposes. If I have to take it from your child, it could get lost.

READING BOOK AND BOOK BAG

Children need a school bookbag – not a rucksack as we do not have the space to store these in the day.

They need to bring this to school every day.

Books are changed on a Friday morning.

We ask that all children read with an adult at home for around 10 minutes every day.



WATER

Children should bring a clear, plastic water bottle everyday with their name on. This should not have juice in.

- In our class we put our bottles in the water tray. Children are welcome to have a drink after playtimes and during independent learning time. Water should be drunk at the water station and not at tables.

HOMEWORK

- I will send Homework books home on a Thursday and the work should be completed by the following Tuesday.
- Homework is usually to consolidate something we have already learnt in class and it is really important that it is completed.

Passwords are stuck at the front of the homework book.

- **Your child has access to Numbots, Spag.com and Purple Mash**
- If your child is not able to complete the work, please let me know
- If the work is not done, I will chat to you on the playground or give you a call to check that everything is ok.

Your child may have access to Maths Whizz which is a Mathematics based programme. If your child has a log in, they can access this at home and in school. We recommend that they try to do around 10 minutes each day on this at home to support their work in school.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS

Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

Any children who have not passed the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 will take the check again at the end of Year 2.

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

I will send home knowledge organisers throughout the year so that you can be aware of what your child will be learning and you can start to discuss the topic and key vocabulary with your child.

READING FOR PLEASURE

There is a Reading For Pleasure Scheme that takes place each year, The children are asked to complete tasks related to different animals, working their way through the alphabet.

I expect them to complete one per fortnight on average. There are certificates for those children who complete them.

TIMES TABLES

Each week the children will be able to take a written test to achieve different times table awards in school. They have to answer different questions at random, both multiplication and division. If they are close to passing but get a few wrong, I will write these facts down for the children to practise at home.

Red Rose Phonics

We use Red Rose Phonics to teach phonics. There will be workshops to support you to help your child at home during the year.

HANDWRITING

In school we use the following handwriting formations. It would be really helpful if you ask your child to help you do some writing at home. Maybe they can write the shopping list or a list of jobs that you need to do in town.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff

Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm

Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt

Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

PLEASE BE ON TIME

It is important that children arrive at school on time as learning in my class starts at 8.50am

We have phonics everyday first thing in the morning. This is important as it provides the building blocks to develop good reading. If your child is late they miss this vital learning.

CONCERNS

If you have any concerns or questions at any time, I am happy to chat to you. You can catch me on the playground at the end of the day or you can book an appointment or telephone call with me.

Call Mrs Iqbal on 01282 693688 if you require an appointment.