



## Carle Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2018



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Carle Class with Mrs Foster and Mrs Smith supported by Mrs Petchey and Miss Thornalley. Mrs Foster will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Mrs Smith will be teaching Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready to be back at school!

This newsletter will provide you with some useful information about your new class.

All classes in school are now named after famous authors. Our new class name is after the author Eric Carle who wrote 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. This is a very popular story amongst children and one we felt the children could relate to as they transition from Reception into Year 1.

If you ever wish to speak to us, we are always available before school if it is a quick message or query, or after school once we have dismissed all of the children. Alternatively, please use your child's reading record to write anything you need to make us aware of. Ask your child to hand us it first thing in the morning then we will then write back to you or see you at the end of the day.

### Project - Autumn 1: Family Album

This project will be full of exciting learning opportunities! It will give both the children and us an opportunity to get to know one another really well, as we talk about ourselves and our families. We will learn to identify and locate our body parts, explore our 5 senses as well as looking at where we live. In RE we will be looking at family celebrations such as weddings and christenings before having our very own class wedding.

We will use the school website to update you on a regular basis of what we have been learning in each area of the curriculum.

### Homework

- **Reading Books:** Little and often is best with reading, ideally 5-10 minutes per day. Just like last year, please record any home reading into the reading record with a comment and signature. Please send books and reading records into school every day. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. During the first few weeks of term, we will be assessing your child's reading, in order to check they are on the correct stage. Until this time, your child will be given the same stage book as last year. Each time your child changes their book they will be awarded 5 dojos to add to their character on our electronic rewards system in school.
- **Phonics /Spelling:** A new list of words will be sent home each Friday inside your child's 'Spellings Practise Book'. This will allow both you and your child to familiarise yourself with them before the learning commences. On Friday 7th September you will receive your first list of words, ready for when we start to learn them on Monday 10th September. More details of the activities will be inside your 'Spellings Practise Book'.
- **Project:** Children can choose any task from the home learning grid each week. It is always great to see the children's efforts. Please allow your children the flexibility of adapting tasks that have been set, or even creating your own, based upon family days out. The children can place their homework in the 'homework box' on the carpet on any day of the week and completed homework will be rewarded with 'dojos.' Homework books will be returned on a Friday ready for the following week.

### General Reminders and information...

- The children will have PE on **Wednesdays and Thursdays (starting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September)**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled so they can be returned easily if they are misplaced. The children are required to have both their indoor and outdoor kit in school until further notice. Trainers must be worn outdoors and earrings must be covered with plasters if they cannot be removed. Children need to supply their own plasters so we recommend a named box is placed inside their PE bag.
- A water fountain is available to the children at all times but children are able to bring a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, containing water. Please place your child's name on the bottle so both staff and children can identify it easily.

### Dates and events to look out for...

- Harvest Festival
- Parent's evening
- The year 1 wedding
- Immingham museum trip
- After school clubs

Further information about these events will be sent to you very soon.

### Can you help us?

- **Photos:** We want to see photos of: \* you and the members of your family \* a wedding or christening you have attended \* your child reading in a strange place. Please could these be named and sent in as soon as they are available. Please place your names onto them so they can be returned. If you need to email any photos please see a member of staff.
- Your child will achieve some fantastic things in school, but we want to see what they are achieving at home. If they have achieved something new then please share it with us. They might want to bring in a certificate from a swimming, football or dance clubs they attend. It might even be a skill they have learnt at home such as learning to tie their shoe laces or learning to ride their bike, therefore bring in a photo to share with us. If they are proud of it, we want to know about it!
- As per the letter before the summer holidays, if you have any toys etc, which you are no longer in need of, then please send them in for us to use in class.
- If you have any unwanted PE kit which your child has grown out of, we would be grateful to receive this to go into our spare kit box.
- We would be grateful to receive any washed milk bottle lids which we can use for phonics activities in school.

Thank you.

Year 1 team