Hello there Everybody,

I have included our timetable for this half term. It is a relaxed timetable and will often change around to fit in with our busy plans but this is a guide as to what your child will be experiencing and when. There is also a curriculum overview for you to have a read through. Once again, let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss. You can email me on the usual email address.

P.E. is on Fridays. Please bring your child into school wearing their P.E. kit. Following the lesson, we will stay in our kits and come home wearing them.

Show and Tell starts this Friday. We will have a rota (see bottom of this letter) for this with each child showing their favourite things every other week. Only bring one item as our sitting and concentration levels are only in the early stages.

Forest School is on Thursday mornings and children will need to come to school in their old clothes for this. Long sleeves and trousers are necessary even on warm days as we have to consider nettles and ticks. We will remain in these clothes for the duration of the day. It would be absolutely brilliant if you could provide a pair of wellington boots that can stay at school permanently as we are outside a lot in our Reception year**.**

If the weather is hot, could you please pop a sun hat into your child’s bag.

We are now receiving daily deliveries of snack, so you don’t have to provide a snack from home unless you want to.

We will start to have weekly focus children from the second week. This is where we send a sheet of A4 home for you to complete. It is quite short and simply asks what your child is currently interested in and if you have any areas you would like to discuss about your child’s learning. This allows us to use your child’s focus week to plan the learning with a focus on their interests, and aids communication and relations between staff and your child. Children will experience being the focus child once every half-term (six times in total in their Reception year), and gives you a chance to voice any concerns or positive feedback between parent evenings.

Child of the week will start officially from next week. A compliment sheet will come home with your child at the end of the week they have been the special child. You will see three compliments on the sheet from the children in class, a compliment from the adult staff and one positive thing from your child. There will be space at the bottom for the family to put their compliment on there too. If you could then return this to school on the following Monday, I would be most grateful.

Our phonics lessons will commence from week 2. We will go straight into phase 2 which involves the immediate teaching of letter recognition and formation. I have included a link to the Little Wandle website for parents. It is an extremely informative guide to how we teach your child to read and write, and how you can help so much with this at home. Please do take the time to click on this link and have a read and watch some of the brief video clips. I promise that you will find it very informative and helpful. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Let me finish by thanking you all for raising such independent children. They are settling into their new class with such ease, it feels like they have been here for months already.

Quick reminder-Don’t forget to label absolutely everything.

Thank you,

Mrs Patnell, Mrs Warner-Smith and Miss Wing

Show and Tell Rota

**Week 1 (commencing 10th Sept, and every two weeks after that)**

Ayla

Hope

Frankie

Lukas

Cici

Hayley

**Week 2 (commencing 17th Sept, and every two weeks after that)**

Amelia

Ayla

Brogan

Zacki

Trixy

Persy