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Thameside Primary School Early Years



'We are on a Learning Journey'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a good school holiday with your children. It is great to be with them again and to see them playing and learning happily together. There are some changes this term that we need to let you know about. We are pleased to welcome Nicola Main to our team, who is the new teacher in RH. Rachel Hattingh is still teaching within the reception year group and is now providing a supportive role across the phase.

Home Learning.

After reviewing the home learning that we received last term, we have decided to offer the opportunity to take home learning challenges to the children who would like to do them at home, instead of putting them into all the children's home learning books. Please ask your child's teacher if you would like one of the challenge sheets for your child. They will be available for all parents who would like one. If your child makes/create anything at home, please encourage them to bring it to show the teacher, or share a photo with us.

Guided reading books/ story books will still be sent home each week for reading with your children. These will be sent out each Thursday and need to be returned on the following Monday.

P.E.

The children will no longer be taken out for PE classes with the PE staff. This is due to timetable changes. They will still be accessing the outdoor environment all day to ensure that their physical education needs are met. They will no longer need a P.E kit to be in school but a spare set of clothes and shoes is still necessary in case your child gets wet or muddy.

We need you!

We are in desperate need for many things to support the children's learning and development in our outdoor area in particular. If you have any skills or ideas that may help us, please do let us know. We are hoping, with your help, to create a woodworking area and begin growing some plants together.

In order for the children's experience in the garden to be even better we need the following things; it would be a great help if you could drop any of these in to your child's class if you have them spare at home:

- Wellie boots – any wellie boots that your children may have outgrown
- Rain coats and waterproof trousers
- Umbrellas
- Garden tools/ supplies
- Old garden furniture in good repair
- We also need spare clothes as we have needed to change lots of children and have run out. We particularly need socks, tights, leggings, pants and knickers.

We are also looking for:

- Two wheeled bikes
- Children's booster seats
- Bike helmets

If you have any time and skills to help us, please talk to one of us. It is always great to get your input so that we can work together to make the children's experience as valuable as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Tighe
Early Years Phase lead.