



Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Work at it with all your heart

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break! As we embark on an exciting new school year in Donaldson Class, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and share some important information about the year ahead.

Firstly, we are thrilled to be your child's teacher this year and look forward to getting to know each of the children in our class. In Donaldson Class, we have lined up a diverse and engaging curriculum that aims to spark curiosity and foster a love for learning. This year, we will explore various subjects, including science, mathematics, literacy and the arts.

Routines

Mrs Llewellyn will be the class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. Mrs McLaughlin will be the class teacher on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our swimming sessions will be on a Tuesday afternoon for the first half of each term (Autumn 1, Spring 1, Summer 1.) Our PE sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons and Explorers will be on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the correct named kit in school for these activities – explorers kits must include long trousers and t-shirts, waterproof coats and waterproof shoes such as wellies.

Children are welcome to share with the class any achievements they have gained. We would love to hear about how they achieved them and see any accompanying certificates or trophies/medals.

Reading

The children will read with a teacher in a Guided Reading session each week and will also be heard reading individually at least once every two weeks. Daily reading at home will ensure your child continues to improve their fluency, decoding and comprehension skills. When your child has read at home a brief note in your child's Home School Link Book would be greatly appreciated. Children do not need to read for long. A quick five minutes every day is more beneficial than reading for a longer period once a week.

Please feel free to note any other texts your child may read as it is useful to know the range of texts your child engages with aside from school reading books. The children are encouraged to put

their reading bags in the class box each day and will be given time to change books once they have become familiar with the text – this will mean they read the book more than once!

Homework

TT Rock Stars and NumBots will be launched again shortly. This is a web-based program to support your child's understanding of times tables and Number Facts. Practicing counting in a variety of situations and amounts would also promote a love of Maths at home.

Please check Weduc and your child's bag regularly for letters and newsletters about school events.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we are looking forward to watching your children grow their love for learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Donaldson Team

Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs McLaughlin and Ms Webber