

# Mannington Class News

September 2013

Welcome back to school. All the children have settled well into their new classroom routines. Here is some useful information for the new year.

## Class Timetable

On the back of this letter is our draft timetable for this year. We are not quite working to the full timetable yet and there will be small changes throughout the year.

## Class Rules

The children have drawn up and signed their own set of class rules, these are displayed in class. Please take the time to read these and support your child with keeping them.

## PE

This year PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays, please make sure your child has their kit for these lessons. If they have earrings can they be removed on these days please and can long hair be held up with bobbles as any 'hard' accessories such as clips would need to be removed for the lesson.

## Reading books and Homework

Please continue to change your child's reading book when you come into school in the morning. Reading record books give you a place to record the books they have read at home as well as space to leave comments.

In Year 1 homework mostly takes the form of reading at home together, from this term we will also send home each week a short letters and sounds activity that your child can complete with you. This will go home on a **Wednesday** and can be returned on the following **Monday** to the homework tray.

## Show and tell

Your child is always welcome to bring interesting things in to share with the class. There might not always be time each day to do this but opportunities will be found where possible. Priority will be given to items that support our topics. Please encourage your child to bring in items other than toys.

## Topics

Our first topic for this term is Ourselves. Your child is welcome to bring in books, photos and pictures to share with the class, family and baby photos would be great. This year much of our literacy work will be based on our topics.

It is always great to welcome parents into school to hear readers or to take groups for specific tasks, if you would like to do this please let me know.

There are always lots of questions at the start of a new year and if the information in this newsletter doesn't answer all of yours, please do come in and see me.

In fact if there is ever anything you would like to discuss, please come and see me.

My email address is [tgleeson4nru@nsix.org.uk](mailto:tgleeson4nru@nsix.org.uk) please use this to contact me if you would prefer.

Also use this to send photos into school for show and tell or topic work

Mr Gleeson

## Maths

This term we will be doing a lot of number work. Our first class target is to read, write and order numbers to 20. Following this we will be learning to name and describe common 2-d shapes.

## School Trips

This year the class will be going on several class trips. The Governors of the school pay for the transport for all trips and so often there will be no charge. The first two trips this term will be announced soon.

## Writing Cup

Each week the writing cup is awarded to a child who has made significant effort or achievement in their writing. This is something I expect all children to accomplish this year.

## Merits

The class merit chart is up. Children receive merits for personal achievement. More information is printed next to the chart.

## Our Goals

The children will soon set themselves a goal. These will be very significant and personal targets. We will help the children decide on them and recognise when they are met. Please help your child to reach their goal.

## Library books

Library books are changed each Wednesday please help your child to bring their book back each week.

## Dinner Money

If your child would like a school meal, please can they bring their dinner money in a clearly named purse or envelope. This could be done either at the beginning of the week, or on the day that your child would like a lunch. If you are paying for more than one day, it is helpful for you to let us know which days your child would like lunches. In order to build your child's sense of responsibility, they should place this money in the classroom basket in the morning. If you need change this will be returned in your child's purse or envelope at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.