

Welcome to Class R at Ramsbury Primary School

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you to Class R. I would like to take this chance to introduce the Early Years team:

Mrs Mayer - Class Teacher

Miss Hatherall - Teaching Assistant (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Mrs Woodhouse - Teaching Assistant (Thursday and Friday)

Mrs Beattie - Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Blackstock – Thursday and Friday – Teaching Assistants who will come in daily from 2pm to support learning and do Speech and Language interventions.

I am sure both you and your child have been excited but also slightly apprehensive about the start of term. With this in mind, please do not hesitate to ask us any questions you may have. We aim for the start of term to be as stress-free for all, parents included!

During this very first term at school the children are given time to settle into daily routines and learn all about their new environment. We also use the time to make thorough assessments of the children through observations and asking them to carry out small tasks. This enables us to plan our next steps effectively and gives us time to really get to know the children in our class.

The following information will hopefully help you during the first term – but please feel free to speak to one of us if you are unsure about anything.

Dropping your child off

The school gates are opened at 8.45 and the school day begins at 8.50.

We encourage the children to come in on their own from the first day. If you bring your child to the outdoor area one of us will be there to greet you.

Communication Book

Each child will be given a Communication book to keep in their Book bags. Please use this to write in anything that you want to tell us, such as: who is picking up if different to usual, or to ask a question if you are unsure about anything or about any worries or concerns you or your child might have. We would also welcome you writing about any 'WOW' moments your child might have had that they (or you) are proud of e.g. learning to do something for the first time, writing their name, being brave etc. The children are welcome to bring in things they have made or shared at home. We don't encourage toys to be brought in as things get lost.

We will write in it if your child has had an accident or if something has happened which we have concerns about. We will also try to speak to you about these things but sometimes we are unable to catch everybody at the end of the day.

Reading Record Books:

Your child will have brought home their first reading books and Reading Record books on Friday 6th September - please update these daily. There is a cross-class competition to see which class has the most children who read and share a book every day, so please help us by signing your book daily when you have shared a book or read with your child. Thank you.

Newsletter

I will email a weekly newsletter to all parents; this will tell you about some of the learning that has happened in the previous week and include the phonics and number work to be covered in the coming week.

Wellies and Wet weather clothing:

It is important that your child has wellies in school at all times. It is also useful to have light waterproof jacket (one you don't mind if it gets dirty) that the children can wear in the mud to protect their school clothes from getting muddy and wet. We have free flow between the indoors and outdoors, so it is helpful if the children have suitable clothing. We also take part in outdoor learning activities throughout the week.

Water bottles:

All children are encouraged to bring a bottle into the classroom containing **water**. This is a separate drink to the bottle they may bring in their lunchbox. We have a tray in the classroom to put all water bottles in which enables your child to have easy access to water throughout their day at school.

P.E.

Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit in school at all times, black shorts, daps/plimsolls/trainers and a white polo shirt or blue Ramsbury t-shirt. Girls will need to have their hair tied back on P.E days. PE will usually be on Friday afternoons, but this can change.

Reading

If any of you have a regular spare half an hour, we welcome parents/grandparents to come in and hear readers. If you are keen see one of us about arranging a time. We will then ask you to speak to the office about a DBS check.

Please could I ask you to label everything, including shoes, it really helps the children to keep track of their own things and for us to support them to do this. It is particularly important for PE as clothes do get mixed up!

Please ask if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you very much,

Mrs Mayer

Miss Hatherall

Mrs Woodhouse