

Dear Parents,

September 2016

A warm welcome to Priory Infants!

We are really excited about getting to know you and your children this term. We are looking forward to working with you to help your children to have a happy, memorable, successful start to their school life.

This term our topic will be **Nursery Rhymes** and we will be concentrating on developing routines, independence and social skills through a range of exciting activities. We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and sharing stories while getting to know each other on a one-to-one basis. We will be using nursery rhymes as a stimulus for the whole curriculum.

Our main focus will be learning the Golden Rules, making friends, instilling a love of stories and books, recognising and writing our names and working with numbers 0-10. We will be assessing the children through daily activities and games so that we can tailor our curriculum to meet their individual needs.



A more detailed outline of our curriculum plans will be displayed on the classroom windows for you to look at each half term, please see this term's topic web (attached). Plans are also on the school website. Please check to see what the weekly nursery rhymes are so that you can share them at home.

Outdoor learning: This is a very important part of our curriculum and we use the outside areas every day. We are lucky enough to have a large playground for physical play, including bikes, scooters, bats, balls, etc; a small "quiet" playground for constructing, role play, investigating activities etc; as well as our lovely secure garden area with the climbing frame, grass and flower beds where the children will be able to observe nature, the changes that happen in Autumn and plant seeds and bulbs ready for Spring. We will be encouraging lots of outside problem solving and independent learning skills and will be going out come rain or shine. **Please make sure your child always has waterproof clothing available including a coat with a hood and wellington boots.** Please also be aware that your child might not always come home as clean and tidy as they left you. "Hands on" learning is vital for young children and sometimes involves getting a bit grubby! We would be really grateful if you could provide a



change of clothes for your child including underwear and socks, these can be kept in their PE bag. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Drinks and Fruit:

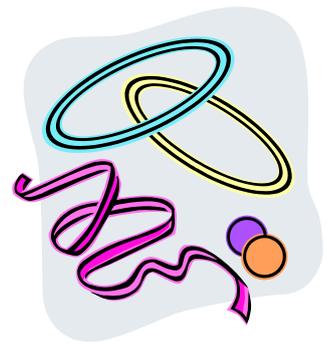


We are a "Healthy School" and fresh fruit or vegetables will be available every day.

All the children have access to **water** throughout the day. The PTFA kindly provide water bottles for each child which are washed and filled daily for the children to drink from as they play.

PE Kit: We will gradually be introducing children to the hall and the PE equipment over the first term.

When the children start full time we would like them to have a named PE kit in a bag to hang on their peg. Please note that plimsolls/trainers will not be needed this term (we will let you know when outdoor PE will be starting).



Reading Information Meeting

On Wednesday 21st September there will be an information meeting for all Year R parents to tell you about how we will be **teaching your children to read**. We do expect every parent to come - it really does make a difference to your child if you know what we do and know how to give some support at home. More details to follow.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled start to the year working together with you and your children. We really value your comments and hope you will be able to contribute to your children's learning journey by sending in photos and 'good news from home' or telling us what you've been doing at home. We are a friendly team so if you fancy a chat, or have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and see us...we will always be happy to help you!

The Year R Team

Mrs Cartwright
Purple Class Teacher

Miss Ryan
Orange Class Teacher