

7th September 2015

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a fantastic time over the summer and are looking forward to the year ahead!

As a school, our curriculum for the Autumn term is called 'Take 1 Picture'. In Class 1, our picture is 'Surprised!' by Henry Rousseau. As a school, one of our key focuses for the Autumn term is for the children to learn and develop a range of art skills and techniques and to produce a wide variety of art work. In Class 1, we will be using Rousseau's 'Surprised!' picture as a stimulus. We hope to use a variety of media such as paints, chalks, clay and mod-rock, to name a few! Furthermore, in November, we would like to invite you to Denton's very own art gallery where the children will have the opportunity to showcase their art work. Details will follow closer to the time!



In Class 1, we will also be using 'Surprised!' as a stimulus for the other areas of learning too. For example, our role-play area is 'Going on Safari'. We are also very pleased to inform you that the children will have the opportunity to go on a real-life safari at Woburn Safari Park on 30th September. A letter will follow very shortly! Furthermore, we will be reading and sharing lots of jungle themed books such as 'Dear Zoo' and 'Rumble in the jungle'. We will also make links with mathematics by looking at patterns, comparing and ordering sizes and through problem solving.

Furthermore, throughout the next couple of weeks there will be several different books and folders being issued to the children in their book bags. Each will contain an explanation about what the book or folder is for. If you have any queries about the books then please ask myself, Niki Holmes, Moira Malone or Laura Allen and we will be more than happy to help.

Also, it would be very helpful if each child could bring in a water bottle labelled with their name each day. They will be allowed to access their water bottle throughout the day and when school finishes the bottles will be sent home. Furthermore, the children will each be given a healthy snack during snack time just before morning break. However, if you wish to send in an extra healthy snack to be eaten during break time then please feel free to do so. It would be ever so helpful if these snacks were labelled and then placed in the extra snack tray next to the water bottles each morning 😊

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday afternoon. For nursery children, if you wish to send them in with a PE kit then please feel free to do so. However, they will still be able to participate in these sessions even without a kit.

Finally, we would be most grateful if your child had a spare set of labelled clothes (including underwear) kept in their book bags, just in case of accidents. We do of course have spare clothes at school however we do find that if a child does have an accident then when they have their own set of clothes to change into it makes the situation a great deal easier and quicker to manage!

If you have any further questions please come in and talk to myself, Niki, Moira or Laura.

Many thanks,

Camille McManus