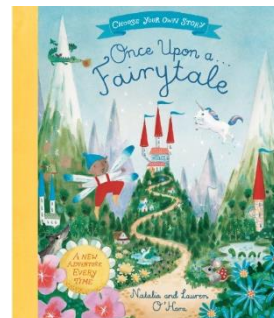


Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Hurricane Class! It has been wonderful to see the children back in school after the summer holidays. We are very proud of how well they have already settled into their new classroom and routines. Hurricane class teacher is Mr Collicutt. Mrs Benn, Mrs Thrippleton and Mrs Burrell are the teaching assistants in Hurricane class at various points throughout the week.

#### Learning:

It has been a busy start to the school year and for this first 2 weeks we are working on a whole school project on the 'Once Upon a Fairytale- a story of choices, which the children are really enjoying. We have completed some super work describing characters and settings, as well as beginning to create our own fairytales! This term will focus on place value and addition and subtraction in maths, developing our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.



For the rest of the term, our topic is 'The Stone Age' where we will be looking at our local area and comparing what it is like now to what it was like during the Stone Age, visiting Stone Henge, figuring out how people managed to transport these rocks a very long time ago, In science we will be investigating the different types of rocks and looking at how different parts of the body work. . We are also hoping to make homes and food for the animals found around our school environment as well as making our own nature detective equipment.



#### PE and swimming:

PE is on a Thursday afternoon. Please remember that children should come in to school in their school uniform and leave their PE kit in school ready for PE days. Hurricane class will also be swimming this Autumn on Tuesdays. Please ensure that children come to school on Tuesdays with the correct swimming kit.

#### Reading:

Reading books will be sent home in line with the children's AR levels. Hearing your child read aloud at home really enhances their reading progress. Just a few minutes each night can really make a difference. If you find hearing them read at home difficult, please do not hesitate to contact us. The children's understanding of books they read is extremely important. Please spend some of the reading time with your child discussing the story. Ask them to tell you what has happened, who the characters are, where the story takes place, what they think will happen, what their favourite part in the story is and why. The expectation is that children will have read at least 3 times to an adult at home and that this is recorded in their reading record. Reading books will be checked by Mrs Burrell in the mornings and changed when necessary.



#### Homework & Spellings:

Later in the term we will introduce our themed homework projects which will be based on the children's learning in class. This will be a sheet of short, fun activities for the children to choose from. The children will also be given a Times Tables rockstars log in this year. We will set this up in class so that they are on the correct level and put the details in their reading record so the children can practice their times tables at home.

For this term, spellings will be sent home on Monday for a test the following Monday. The children have been taught different, fun ways to practice these spellings to help them to memorise key words and spelling patterns.

Finally, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your child and their learning.

Best wishes, Mr Collicutt, Mrs Benn, Mrs Thrippleton and Mrs Burrell