

Autumn term 1  
2020

# Fallow Deer



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term in Fallow Deer. We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and had a relaxing time.

Our new term our topic is 'London's Burning' and the children will be developing their skills as a historian and learning about the impact of the great Fire of London on London today.

This term, our PE lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons. Please can your child come dressed in their kit. If your child is going to wear lace up trainers could you please teach them to tie their own laces so the staff don't have to keep doing this at school. If this is proving too tricky, velcro daps are fine for P.E. at this time. We would also be grateful if you could remove your child's ear-rings on P.E. day, and tie back hair that is shoulder length or longer (including boys).

In the Fallow Deer bubble we encourage the children to be more independent by changing their own reading books. We will be supporting them with the help of our T.A.s at first, until they learn this new process. We don't expect your child to read everything they bring home each day. A few pages will be fine (unless they're really keen to read more). At the front of their reading record is a list of books for their individual stage. We would be grateful if you could please help your child to tick, highlight or cross out each book as they finish it. **We are trying to assess the children to find the correct reading level after the lockdown. If you think we have given you a book that is too easy or too difficult please let us know so we can change it.**

Children need to be reading at least 3 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their reading records. On Fridays we tick off their reads and award children who have achieved this. At the end of each short term the children who have read 3 times a week receive a certificate and a small prize as a reward. Please encourage your children and record their reads in their Reading Record.

On Tuesday 20th October we will be going for an autumn walk around the local woodland. Could your child please wear trousers and a warm coat, plus bring wellies in a named plastic bag. We will send more information nearer the time depending on the weather.

During term 1 and 2 we are being joined by a Schools Direct PGCE teaching student, Miss Southgate who will be observing lessons and teaching small groups of children in the class.

If you have any questions about this or anything else please come and see us at the end of the day and we would be happy to talk through any concerns.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Oliver, Mrs Jeavons and Mrs Hoare.

## Daily Checklist

Please send your child each day with:

- Book bag (with reading book and reading record in its folder)
- Drink
- Waterproof coat

25th September will be individual school photos. We are **not able to have sibling photos** this year, I'm afraid due to keeping children in their bubbles as much as possible. Thank you for your understanding.