



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good break and are ready for a busy summer term. The children had a fantastic spring term; they have worked extremely hard and are proud of what they have achieved. In maths we will be learning about 3D shapes, following directions using prepositions and money (spending it and making sure they receive the correct change by calculating this); in English and geography we will be learning about 'looking after our oceans' through fiction and non-fiction texts. For further information, please see the curriculum web on the school's website.

Additional ARP staff INSET Day - There will be an additional ARP staff INSET day on Wednesday 26th June. This is a new borough initiative to allow SEND staff additional training time. All ARP children will have this day off and school will resume as usual on Thursday 27th June. The children are unable to attend their mainstream classes instead as there will be no support staff for them as they are registered to the ARP. Please ask if you have any questions.

Communication with parents - Please continue to use emails to promote home-school links. If you have any news about your child, concerns, appointments or exciting achievements, please email me at the following address:

j.baines@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

Arriving and leaving school grounds - Arrival and drop off are as normal. Please use the entrance by the school dining hall. Just to remind you that the school day is 8.50am – 3.25pm. Please ensure your child arrives no earlier than 8.45am as there is not always adult supervision.

Zones of Regulation - Every day the children will continue to share how they are feeling using the 'zones of regulation' emotions vocabulary. This is a great activity which continues to help the children to settle and express how they were feeling before starting their lessons. They will continue to use the stem sentence, "I am feeling because" Then the children ask the next person, "xxxx how are you feeling today?" The children are also encouraged to share what they have heard - what someone else is feeling - in order to develop their listening skills.

Cooking - Cooking will continue to take place on alternate Thursdays. Last term we made a range of sweet and savory dishes. Please encourage your child to talk about what they have made during cooking at home. Thank you!

Gardening - Gardening club has started again and it takes place on Friday mornings. The children have started clearing weeds, turning over the soil, putting bark down in the pathways and trimming the overgrown bushes in the garden. Please could your child bring wellingtons to school on Fridays. In addition if you have any wellingtons that you no longer need because your child has grown out of them - please could we have them to keep in school for those children who do not have wellingtons - thank you.

PE - Study PE will take place on Wednesdays with the ARP. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. The children will continue to take part in their Games/PE lessons with their mainstream class.

Reading - We ask that you try to read with them as often as possible and extend their learning by asking questions about what they have read. The text could be a comic, newspaper, book, set of instructions for a game or anything that involves reading as part of their life experience. We read with each child daily and keep our own reading record in school.

Trips - We plan to take the children on local trips to enhance their classroom based learning and life skills. We also will be visiting a local shop and cafe to apply our learning (using money). We will always contact you via email to let you know what we will be doing. Please look out for our emails.

Speech and Language Therapist - Louisa O'Meara is in school to work with the children in the ARP. If you would like to come in to observe a speech therapy session or if you have any questions or queries you can email her at

louisa.omeara@merton.gov.uk

Water Bottles and Snacks - Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school every day. We are encouraging the children to bring reusable water bottles - rather than disposable - as part of our joint responsibility to look after our world. If your child brings a snack - please can it be a healthy snack, as we are a 'Healthy School'. Please ensure these do not contain nuts. We also provide fruit.

Home Learning - Please encourage your child to access Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed (EdShed) as well as the homework. The children have individual spellings set up on EdShed. Thank you for your support.

IESPs - There will be IESP targets sent home later in the term.

We appreciate and thank you in advance for your support and encouragement that you give your child. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working together with you this year.

Kind regards,
The Study Team