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Class: Ruby

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying how lovely it has been seeing you all at the gate and feeling so welcome. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the new school year. The children have come back enthusiastic and ready to learn which is brilliant! I really look forward to seeing you at the Ruby Class **'Meet The Teacher'** on **Tuesday**.

Curriculum Information

We will kick off this term with a week of getting to know each other activities where we can spend some time familiarising ourselves with our environment and routines. We will then begin our 'Down Under' learning journey, which will offer lots of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. Please see the attached 'Curriculum Map' which gives more information about how this topic will link with other subject areas.

Requests and Reminders

Our PE sessions are on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure every item in your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name.

Key Skills to Support at Home

Yellow reading records have been sent home in your child's book bag. These are for you to make notes of every individual reading opportunity that occurs out of school. You should aim to hear your child read at least five times per week to support their growing fluency and comprehension. Children will be required to bring their reading record into school in their book bag every day. To promote independence, at the start of the day, children will be encouraged to get their own reading records out and place them on the table. The Ruby class team will check the reading records daily and acknowledge each reading session that has been recorded. As required, staff will also change children's books or support them to choose one themselves. Children who successfully record five reads in a week will be rewarded with a raffle ticket. At the end of each term, two raffle tickets will be drawn per class and each child with a winning ticket will receive a book-related prize!

Homework

In Ruby class, all home learning can be accessed using Google Classroom. Home learning will be set on Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of a maths activity to support the learning of 'Key Instant Recall Facts' and a personalised spelling list. Spelling quizzes will occur on Monday mornings. Certificates will be given to those who have tried their best to practise their spellings and maths at home. Please don't hesitate to email if you have any questions about spellings or homework.

Show and tell

'Show and tell' will happen on Friday afternoons. A timetable of when your child's show and tell will occur will be sent home with this letter. In Ruby class, all of our show and tell items must be about our current topic. We especially like to see home-made items inspired by our in-class learning.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about anything at all, please contact me. I can be contacted via email at: ruby@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk. I will check these emails after school every day. If there is an urgent matter, please phone the school office to leave a message for me there. I hope to see you on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Prosser