



Astley Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Happy New Year!



We hope that you and your child(ren) have had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with lots of opportunities to learn and develop a greater understanding in the many different curriculum areas. This letter is just to let you know what our class will be focusing on in lessons over the next term and handy information to remember.

Drop-off and Pick-up times:

Please be aware of the following key timings and ensure that you are on the playground ready to collect your child at the end of the day. If for any unavoidable reason you are unable to arrive at school on time, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Class	DROP OFF	PICK UP
Sharks Class	8:30-8:45 am	3:15 pm

Curriculum:

The children will be following the National Curriculum for English and Maths. We will be using Cornerstones to follow a range of Foundation Stage topics (Science, History, Geography, DT and Art) which can be seen below. Other Foundation Subject topics for the Autumn Term are also shown below.

 Driver Project	Frozen Kingdoms Geography 	 French	Investigating Sports	At the Funfair, My Favourite Things, French Tradition	 Music	A New Year Carol	You've Got a Friend in Me
 History		 Computing	Webpage Creation	3D Modelling			
 Geography	Frozen Kingdoms	 Life Skills	Keeping Safe	Rights and Respect			
 Science	Electrical Circuits and Components Living Things and Their Habitats	 PE	Real PE Cognitive Games – Handball	Real PE Personal Real Gym			
 Art and Design	Inuit Environmental Artists	RE Norfolk Agreed Syllabus	How do Buddhists explain the suffering in the world? (Buddhism)	Who Is Gandhi and how does he influence Hinduism? (Hinduism)			
 Design and Technology	Engineer						

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What your Child needs to bring:

Your child should come in school uniform unless it is their PE day (see PE section for further information on this). There will be a hot dinner, jacket potato and a pasta option available but if your child would prefer a packed lunch from home, please send them in with this.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school so that they can keep hydrated and work even harder! Please ensure your child's bottle is named and that it contains water as outlined in our school policy.

In Year 6, resources and materials are still provided, however children are encouraged to bring in a pencil case containing a pencil, ruler, highlighters, pen, etc. if they choose to. If they do, they must ensure that they look after their own equipment as this is their responsibility!

PE:

PE is timetabled for a **Thursday and Friday**. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on these days. This should be a plain white or house team coloured t shirt, dark shorts and trainers. There should be no big logos or emblems, and no football kits. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on these days. On colder days you may want your child to wear a warmer top and tracksuit bottoms over the top.

Reading and Homework:

Children will receive a new reading book every week (we will try our best to update reading books as soon as children have finished them) which we encourage them to read at home daily (this can also include books from home and/or the library).

Their completed reading needs to be recorded in their blue reading record. We ask that **children bring this to and from school daily** as we will be encouraging independent reading wherever possible throughout the week. Children will continue to have the opportunity to share their book(s) during our ACE Book Share and children may be put forward to receive a reading prize!

In addition to this, the Friends of Astley have kindly purchased children, in **year 6, SATs revision study and workbooks**. Children will be **expected to complete a double of page** from each book, each week. If children prefer, they can attend homework club to do this with the support of a teacher every Thursday lunchtime. Children should bring these to and from school as there may be additional time for them to complete work from these during the school day.

All children in the class also have access to TT Rockstars if they wish to participate in extra practice.

Home/school Contact:

Please send us a note or feel free to make an appointment at the office if you have any queries or would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum or your child's education. We also always appreciate when volunteers can come and support us by listening to readers in school. If you may be able to, please get in touch.

To find out more about what we have been up to in class, please follow us on 'X' @Astley_Primary6.

Our weekly Astley Advertiser also gives key dates and information about what is happening in school.

As a reminder, Year 6 SATS week will be during the week commencing 12th May – please note there will be more information regarding this later in the year.

I cannot wait to see your child on Wednesday and look forward to hearing all about their Christmas break.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Miss Wreford
Sharks Class Teacher