Marldon C of E Primary School

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Within the love of God, working together, growing together, for all to flourish.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you a warm welcome to Mars Class and Year One!

We are looking forward to working with you and getting to know your child. Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthusiastic, and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or queries.

General notes:

The adults working in Mars Class are:

Mrs Field (Class Teacher) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Sozzi (Class Teacher) Thursday and Friday.

Ms Langdon (HLTA) will be supporting in class during our English lessons.

Mrs Butler & Mrs Funnell (LSA's) will be supporting in class during the morning.

Each day, we will choose children to be our Star Helpers. They will be responsible for helping with jobs in the classroom throughout the day, for example taking notes to the office or helping with the snack at Playtime.

Please ensure that your child has **water** to drink in class.

Fruit snacks will be provided each day, but children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack if preferred.

We have two PE sessions each week on a Tuesday and Thursday. One of these sessions will be led by the Achieve for All coaches, and the other will be class teacher led. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days, and that they wear a school jumper or cardigan.

Book Club

At Marldon, we aim to inspire children's love of reading and this is at the heart of everything we do. On a Friday during our whole class reading session, we will be introducing "Book Club" to the children. The aim of Book Club is to involve children in sharing a book that they have enjoyed reading with their peers. This could be a story, a poetry anthology, a graphic-novel, a non-fiction book or any other book that they have enjoyed. They might choose to share a book they have found in school, or one that they have at home. Your child's class teacher will produce a rota for the children to bring these into school (2-3 children per week) that will be shared with you separately.

Reading and Phonics

Reading and Phonic skills will be taught daily as part of our English and Read, Write Inc sessions. Over the first couple of weeks your child will be assessed and set up with a new reading record and initial book from the relevant book band. Banded reading books will be changed on a **Monday** and RWI reading books will be changed on a **Friday**. Please write in your child's reading diary to show when they have read at home and indicate how they got on. It is important that we work together to listen to your child read and help them to develop their reading skills by not only using their sounds to help them to decode words but by also talking about the story and predicting and retelling in order to develop their comprehension skills. We will assess your child's reading at the end of each half term. You will be informed in their reading diary if their book band has changed.

Homework: It would be very helpful if you could read daily with your child and record any comments in their reading diary. We will send other bits of homework as the year progresses, for example, spellings, reading comprehension and maths activities. These may be uploaded to Tapestry and/or sent home in paper form.

If you have any questions please do contact us via Tapestry, email or in person and we will be happy to help.

We are very much looking forward to a super year in Mars Class!

Many Thanks for your support,

Mrs Field and Mrs Sozzi