



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Spring Term. Our main driver subject for this term is geography and is titled 'Bright Light, Big City'. This project teaches children about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London.

Please find below some key information for you:

- 1) Reading is the most crucial part of your child's learning and is central to all other curriculum areas. Please continue to use your child's Reading Diary as a reading record to log every time your child reads at home. Please continue to read at home every night with your child. A record of reading at home is kept in school and rewards are given weekly for consistent reading. We regard reading as fundamental to your child's academic development and ask for your help in supporting us to develop their fluency and understanding. We recommend 10 minutes a day, but more if you wish.
- 2) In Year One and children who are retaking their phonics will continue to follow the phonics programme, Read, Write Inc. throughout the year and will sit the Phonics Screening in June 2024.
- 3) Your child is free to bring a water bottle into class filled with water and we will provide the children with the stationery they need for their learning during the day. We ask that no other items are brought into school unless agreed and discussed with your class teacher, this includes toys for playtimes. The children may bring in a healthy snack to be consumed at morning playtime. Children are permitted to ride wheeled vehicles to school which will live in the entrance where children are dropped off in the morning.
- 4) The children will continue to wear PE kits into school on the days they have PE. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts, and trainers. In cold weather children may wear black track suit bottoms or black leggings and their school jumper for warmth (no hoodies please). Long hair must be tied back so, if this applies, please provide hair bands. On all other days, children should wear correct school uniform. For Mr Bennett's class, PE days are: Wednesday and Friday.
- 5) Please label all clothes including PE kits with your child's name. Items rarely get lost if they have a name in them! The number of items of unlabelled clothing that builds up over a term has to be seen to be believed.



Inspired to learn, inspired for life

www.furzehamprimary.org

Headteacher: Mr Paul Adams
Chief Executive Officer: Mr S Gardner BA (Hons) MSc NPQH NLE

Furzeham Primary & Nursery School
Higher Furzeham Road,
Brixham, Devon, TQ5 8BL

01803 853347
admin@furzehamprimary.org



6) Home Learning will continue to be set on a Friday and will be expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Wherever possible please upload their work on TEAMS, rather than returning a paper copy. Home learning consolidates and supports work in school and will be monitored. Please encourage your child to do their home learning independently, as this is an important habit to develop, but of course if your child needs support then don't hesitate to give it. If your child is struggling and is unable to complete the home learning then please ask them to inform us so we can offer support. All log ins and passwords for Microsoft Teams can be found inside their Reading Diaries.

7) Spelling is one of our main focuses for home learning this year as it is a vital element of children's writing. Children should be able to spell statutory words set within the National Curriculum according to each year group. Any children who haven't yet achieved this expected level will be given additional support within school. We will also send the spellings home so you are aware of what they will be required to learn. Please can you do your best to support your child in learning these spellings so together we can help them reach the expected level. You will receive your child's weekly spelling list. Children will be learning five spellings a week and will be tested once a week.

8) Children need to be school by 8.55 am, as this is when the gates are locked and the register is taken. Children who arrive late are missing important information and part of the first lesson. Therefore, could you please make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time, thank you.

We hope this has answered some immediate questions you may have. Please never hesitate to speak to us, either in the morning or after school. If it is a more delicate matter, please contact us through the school office via email or telephone call.

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to a happy and successful term.

Kindest regards,

Mr Bennett and Miss Strange



Inspired to learn, inspired for life

www.furzehamprimary.org

Headteacher: Mr Paul Adams
Chief Executive Officer: Mr S Gardner BA (Hons) MSc NPQH NLE

Furzeham Primary & Nursery School
Higher Furzeham Road,
Brixham, Devon, TQ5 8BL

01803 853347
admin@furzehamprimary.org