



## SOUTH FARNHAM SCHOOL INFANTS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached some helpful information regarding Reception classes this year.

### Reading Books:

**Return to school:** Please bring every day. Books are changed on a Thursday so will not go home Thursday evening.

**Sent home:** Every night with a new book every Friday.

**How to use:** When reading with your child encourage them to engage with the sequence of events and characters. ("Who are the characters?" "Where can I find/what is the title of the book?" "How do you think this book might end?" "How might Kipper be feeling?") Once you've read with your child, please date and initial an entry in their reading record book and if appropriate write a comment. (For example: Told a creative story using the picture clues and named each character confidently. Spotted some of the sounds we have been working on. Sounded out simple words and we discussed tricky words.) Please feel free to supplement your child's reading with their library books or home books.

### Sound Books:

**Return to school:** Thursday.

**Sent home:** Friday with the new sounds of the week.

**How to use:** Please revise the new sounds of the week with your child, using the action explained on each page. Please encourage your child to practise writing their sounds using the cursive template. Encourage your child to spot these sounds in their everyday life and their reading book/library book.

### Alphabet Flashcards:

**Return to school:** Spring Term 2016.

**Sent home:** With reading books - to be kept at home.

**How to use:** See information guide in plastic wallet with alphabet cards.

### **Library Books:**

**Return to school:** Friday.

**Sent home:** New book on a Friday.

**How to use:** Your child will have chosen their own library book, please read the story with them and discuss what you have read, Encourage your children to spot their sounds/tricky words in the text and share reading with the family.

### **Story sacks:**

**Return to school:** Thursday.

**Sent home:** Friday.

**How to use:** Your child will receive one story sack each half term. Each story sack contains an inventory of included items. These inventories are checked before they are sent out. You will receive a complete story sack. Story sacks provide the opportunity for parents to develop numerous literacy skills with their child. A book and props are provided in each sack, with a specific list of additional items. Please ensure the story sacks are returned complete and in good condition so that all children can enjoy them.

### **Other information**

On a daily basis Elmee, Acorn and Trunky bear will be sent home with one child. The adventures of the bears can be recorded in the bear book to be read out in class the following morning. Please use one page per visit and ensure that the bears make it back to school each day.

Thank you for the returned parent helper forms. We will wait until the children are completely settled before arranging timetables. In the meantime, please ensure that you have returned your completed DBS form. We are continually grateful for your support and if you are interested in helping our PFA then please contact the Office.

"Show and Tell" (topic related) usually takes place each afternoon, however at times this may not be possible. Please remind children that not every child can be heard each day. Please name all lunchboxes and water bottles clearly. We have children with nut allergies so be mindful of this when bringing in foods.

**Please ensure your child has a named waterproof coat and named water bottle in school every day.**

Yours sincerely

*L Reynolds*

Laura Reynolds

Head of Early Years and Key Stage 1

## South Farnham Infants - EYFS

### Autumn Term Topics 2015

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Entering School
2	Little Red Riding Hood
3	Jack and the Beanstalk
4	The Three Billy Goat's Gruff
5	The Gingerbread Man
6	The Enormous Turnip
7	Harvest/Autumn
8	Bonfire Night
9	Diwali
10	Light and Dark
11	Planets
12	Planets
13	Christmas
14	Christmas