

# Aldrynton Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would first like to say a big well done to all of the children in Lower School. They have settled into their classes very well and are learning the new rules and routines. There are a number of items that we would like to communicate and resources to signpost to you.

Our topic this term is Castles. You will soon be able to find a knowledge organiser on the school website which will give you key vocabulary, texts and websites.

## Reminders

It is extremely important that all personal items are named, such as water bottles, jumpers and PE kits. PE is now every Thursday. Please ensure your child has brought their PE kit in; these can stay in school. A pair of trainers will need to stay in school as we will be running the mile throughout the week. Please also check that your child is bringing in a healthy snack every day. This may include fruit, vegetables or crackers but not crisps or chocolate. May we also remind you that school policy states no nuts are allowed. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.15pm.

## Reading

We are currently assessing children within class, this includes reading skills. We will be starting to send 'Reading for Pleasure' books home. We would like to reiterate that these books are *not* matched to your child's phonic ability therefore we do *not* expect your child to read/decode these books themselves. Reading for Pleasure books are for you to share and discuss with your child. Take this chance to model how to use expression when reading and to talk about what you have read.

## Maths

Year group classes for maths have commenced this week. We are fortunate to have Mrs Fenning as a fourth maths teacher which enables us to have smaller class sizes. The whole school will continue to follow the White Rose maths scheme and overviews of the term can be found on the new school website. Supporting videos can be found on the White Rose website. <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

## Future communication

Letters will be sent out via ParentMail regarding homework and reading in due course. We are also securing a trip to Windsor Castle on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We rely on parent helpers to carry out these trips so, if you are interested, please keep an eye out for a letter with further details.

Best wishes,

The Lower School Team

