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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, but for some of you, welcome to Penguin Class. I hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the new school year.

As the new school year has just begun I have planned to spend the first day or two completing various activities to settle the children into class as well as introducing them to rules and routines, and providing them with their new reading books. I have explained home reading a little more on the next page.

As I am sure you are already aware, the school is open from 8:50am. I would be very grateful if you could aim to have your children in class as close to this time as possible but fully understand if it is unmanageable. I understand that you may wish to come into class with your child initially but as they settle into the class I would appreciate it if you could say goodbye to them at the classroom door so that they can come into class independently. Mornings will consist of the children bringing their reading books and records into class and completing the task written on the whiteboard. This may vary from reading quietly to completing work and checking pink for think.

Both myself and the supporting members of staff will be aiming to hear every child read 1:1 at least once a week. This may be first thing in the morning or during free periods throughout the day. Children will also receive a daily guided reading session where they will be taught reading strategies. Every time the child is listened to the adult will write in their reading record.

On the odd occasion I will set a homework task. This may be linked to the current theme or could be a task to keep them on track during the holidays.

I will be working alongside Mrs Smith who will be teaching the class every Thursday afternoon whilst I am out of class for planning release. If you would like to speak to me during this time feel free to make an appointment at the office. I will also be supported by Mrs Cooper (Mon-Fri mornings).

Our theme this term is the circus which will see us through to the Christmas holidays. I have planned a large amount of lessons around this theme and am already considering possible theme related trips. Our BIG QUESTION is 'What is the magic of the circus?' so please feel free to discuss this at home.

This half-term the children will be taking part in Circus Ferrel. This will allow them to learn some of the skills of the circus and have the opportunity show the skills they have learnt during one or both of the performance (Tuesday 20th September @ 6:30 and Wednesday 21st September @ 3:45). Tickets can be purchased from the office at £6 per person. Please share this news as the circus make their profit from ticket sales alone and do not charge the school for their business.

Thank you for your support,

Claire Pickering and Alison Cooper

