



# Scalford C of E Primary School

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## Welcome back

Welcome back to those parents who were with Base One last year and welcome to those who are new this year. We hope you have all had a super summer and are looking forward to a great year ahead. We have had a super start to the year, all the children have settled well and we are all looking forward to working with you and your children throughout this coming year.

Here are a few pieces of information to help you understand some of the weekly goings on in Base One.

Mrs Dickson (teacher) – teaches in Base One on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Mrs Wrightam (teacher)– teaches in Base One on a Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Mrs Handy (nursery nurse) – works in Base One every morning and Monday afternoon.

Mrs Wigley (Learning Support Assistant) – works in Base One Monday to Friday 8.55-10.30am and Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Lee (Learning Support Assistant) – works in Base One Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

**Class topics** – You can look at our termly topic plan on the school website or on the notice board in the playground. If your child wants to bring something into school to support our topic please send it into class so we can share with the other children.

Our topic for the autumn term is ‘Marvellous Me and my Fabulous Family.’

**Reading**- Each child reads at least once a week with an adult (on some weeks due to trips, visitors etc. this might not be possible). We will write comments in their diary to help you at home. We ask you to read every night with your child and write a comment in their diary to us about how they got on. The more they can practise with you the better. Please remember that it is also important to read to your child even when they become more independent readers (we all love listening to stories) and to discuss what is happening in the story and why.

ERIS – Everyone Reading In School. Friday morning 9.00- 9.20

As part of our push on ‘children reading for pleasure’ we welcome parents to stay with their child for the first 20 minutes of Friday morning to enjoy reading together. This has been hugely successful and the children love having parents, grandparents come and read to / with them.

## **Spellings**

Reception children will bring home individual letters and matching sound, rocket words (sets of words that the children learn) and tricky words to learn. Please support them in learning these, the more often they practice the quicker it becomes embedded in their memory.

Year One children will have spellings to learn with you. Please support them in learning these. Year One children will have a spelling test once a week. Spellings will come home on a Tuesday and are tested the following Tuesday.

All spellings support work taught in phonics lessons.

**PE** – Your child will need a PE kit in school every Tuesday and Friday but it is best to leave it at school as we occasionally do extra sessions.

**Labelling** – Please can we remind you to **label all clothes and items** that belong to your child (this includes hats and gloves). It is extremely hard to identify uniform that is not named. Please be aware that biro pen washes out and is tricky for us to read. Useful website to look at for labels - <https://www.mynametags.com/>

**Pencil cases** – Children in Base One do not need their own pencil case. Each table has a helping basket that has everything they need in it.

**Hector** – Hector is our class dog and has been an important part of the Base One curriculum for many years. He helps your children to learn many skills including listening, communication, questioning, geography and cultural. During the year he will get to spend a week with you and your family. During this week you and your child will be able to put things into Hector's Diary about everything you have done. The class love listening to what Hector has been doing and your child has the opportunity to tell the class about his adventures. Hector will come home on a Tuesday, please return him the following Tuesday with his diary so your child can tell the class about Hector's visit to your house during Tuesday story time. This will start sometime after half term.

Thank you for all the support you give your child and we look forward to a great year in Base One. Please come and see us if you have any concerns, if possible at the end of the day as we like to get off to a prompt start in the mornings.

Mrs Dickson Mrs Wrightam