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Reception Class - Term 1 2026

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to your child's first term in Year R. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the forthcoming weeks.

Our Term 1 Curriculum Overview provides information about our theme "Starting school" and accompanies this letter.

Week two of starting school

Inside your child's pop wallet you will find their blue contact book, their yellow Reading Record and a reading book. Reading books will be changed three times a week. Please ensure your child's Reading Record and reading book is brought into school every day as each child will read with an adult at least once a week.

Please can you ensure your child does not bring into school any toys or cuddly toys. We would hate for these to get lost or broken. Thank you.

Phonics

Your child has started phonics lessons this week following the Essential Letters and Sounds scheme. Each week the children will learn new sounds and how to blend them which they will be using to read and spell words. The children will also be learning some 'Harder to Read and Spell' (HRS) words which we will provide for them to practise weekly at home.

The children will be learning the following sounds throughout the term:

	New sounds	HRS words
Week 2	s, a, t, p	a
Week 3	i, m, n, d	l, the, no
Week 4	g, o, c, k	put, of, is
Week 5	ck, e, u, r	to, go, into
Week 6	ss and review	pull
Week 7	h, b, f, ff, l, ll	as, his

Communication with staff at the school:

If you have any information that you would like myself or another member of staff to know, please email this to the school office: office@mereworth.sch.uk or the Year R class teacher email address: classr@mereworth.kent.sch.uk. Please note that this email will only be accessed between **8am–4:30pm each school day**. Please note that this is for **non-urgent information**. If you have an important 'on the day' message, please either pass it to a member of the EYFS team at the school gate in the morning or call the school office to leave a message for the relevant member of staff.



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Snack and drink

We encourage the children to drink plenty of water, having access to their water throughout the day, and they may fill up their water bottles when they run out. Please only provide water for your child and not flavoured water or juice. Your child will be offered a piece of fruit or vegetable in the morning. However, if you wish to, you may provide a snack for your child to eat. Please ensure this is only fruit or vegetables and please cut up or peel any fruit or vegetables if needed. Thank you.

Please provide for your child:

- Please send in a named pair of wellington boots and a waterproof all in one for your child which will remain at school.
- Please ensure all clothes are clearly labelled, including snack pots and packed lunch bags.
- Please provide a spare full set of clothes, including a pair of socks and underwear, to remain in their schoolbags in case of accidents.
- Please ensure your child has a named waterproof coat in school every day.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to getting to know you and your child.

The Year R team,
Mrs Foy and Miss Coomes

