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Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to welcome the children back to school for a new school year as members of Dolphin Class.



**Reading** - Your child will have their own reading book and reading record to share their reading with you at home, which can be changed on a daily basis if needed. I will try to hear your child read once a week, during which we will discuss what they are reading to develop their comprehension. In addition, your child will continue with the Read Write Inc scheme. Within a group, your child will study a new text each week, ensuring they read aloud at least once a day. These will not be recorded in their reading records, although their half termly RWInc Assessment will be noted. They will be able to take this book home to share as well. The Read Write Inc book needs to be returned the following Monday.

I cannot over emphasise the importance of reading and discussing texts at home. Regular practice significantly improves children's progress and understanding of not only what they are reading but the world around them. It can also contribute to building their vocabulary and spelling ability.

**Child-Led Learning** - In Dolphin Class, your child will continue to take the lead with their learning. They may suggest a topic or will have a topic or idea introduced to the class, and they will have time every day to follow their line of enquiry. Their learning will be supported by the adults in the room in line with the national curriculum expectations across all subjects. They will be challenged and questioned about their work to further their learning, in this way, each child's learning is individually tailored.

**Physical Education** - Our PE sessions will be Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure PE kits are in school on these days, shoulder length and longer hair is tied back and earrings are removed or taped over.

**Religious Education** - Over the year, we will be largely exploring Christianity and Judaism. I hope to arrange some local religious practitioners to talk with the children. If you know anyone who might be interesting for the children to talk with, please let me know.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that toys should not be brought into school. It can be extremely upsetting if these get broken, dirty or even lost and they can also be distracting to learning. I would be most grateful of your support with this.

It was lovely to spend time with your children at the end of last year and I look forward to getting to know them as we discover new and exciting things throughout their learning journey in Year 1. If you should have anything you wish to discuss throughout the year, you can use the back of their reading record or please come and see me to arrange a mutually convenient time, after school is usually best. You can also contact me via my email: [j.roberts@pulham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:j.roberts@pulham.norfolk.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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