

Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our FANTASTIC new school building! The children (and adults) have been exploring the new learning environment with great excitement! We hope that they have told you all about it. If you were unable to join our guided tour today, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time to come and see for yourselves.

Overleaf you'll find a theme overview of learning for the second half of the Spring Term. Our main theme is 'How do you do it?' We will be working on instructions and we will have a class competition challenge as a hook for our theme. We will use a story book called 'How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth' to stimulate our English. Our SEAL theme for PSHE is 'Good to be me'.

Our main PE day is timetabled for Thursday although we ask that kits are in bags on pegs in school from Monday to Friday, in case of timetable changes. Of course all PE kit and other clothes need to be named. **Please check that PE plimsolls or trainers still fit**. We also ask that your child has a spill-proof and named water bottle at school every day.

Book bags need to be in school <u>every day</u>, but please hand any notes/money to the office or class staff as bags might not be checked daily. We ask that children have the chance to read to someone at home and that you note this reading and sign in the comments book. If book bags are left in the changing box, staff will do their best to change books each day. Bug Club use is automatically recorded. Spellings will usually be given weekly for learning and practising at home and we aim to check these each <u>Friday</u> in a test. Our maths homework 'challenge' books will need to be handed in each <u>Thursday</u> only please.

For PPA cover time our class will be working on enrichment learning activities. This will still be on Wednesday mornings. Mrs R Johnson will be leading 'Out and About' visits with groups, so please check the weekly newsletter for clothing instructions. The remaining groups will work on music, cooking, computing and art, design and technology.

Thank you for your continued support. Yours sincerely,

Mrs Edmonds, Miss Stone and the year 1 team.

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