

25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, as a team we would like to welcome both you and your child back to school after the unfamiliar times that we have all experienced in recent months. We hope that your child is as excited to be back at school learning as much as we are to be back at school teaching. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an insight into what your child will be learning at school and how you can best support them at home.

Both your child's Reading and Writing sessions at school will centre around the story *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. This book is available on many online resources; such as YouTube, and there are also copies in the library for your child to familiarise themselves with the story and it's characters. This is **not** compulsory but would benefit your child if you are able to do so. The Reading and Writing will cover aspects taught in Reception to begin with to allow your child the opportunity to further develop those skills. These will link heavily to Phonics.

In Science this term our focus is 'The Body'. We will be looking at the main parts of the body, naming the different parts and also identifying the five senses and there uses.

Geography will be based around the local geography of Swindon. Your child we develop their understanding of the vocabulary such as aerial view, landmark and map. The definitions of these words and other vocabulary that your child will be taught are available on the Drove Primary School website.

Art and Design will focus on colour and how colour can be used to create different textures and tones.

PE will be on a Wednesday so please remember that your child is expected to wear their PE kit into school. During these times to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children we will not be allowing anyone to get changed in school. PE this term will be outside.

We recommend that your child brings in a clearly labelled bottle of water, which will be kept in the classroom, so that they have access to a drink at all times.

In order to give you a greater insight into the expectations surrounding homework and how to support your child with this, a second letter will be sent out to you with help on how to access the homework set by your child's class teacher. This will be set online, once again to ensure the health and wellbeing of all, therefore if you do **not** have an online device please make this known to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team – Mr Bowers, Mrs Mansi, Miss Quinn and Mrs Hughes.