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*Dream, Believe, Achieve*  
'Nothing will be impossible with God' Luke 1:37

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**Welcome to Sherwood Class!**

Hello "Sherwood Superstars" and families!

We are really looking forward to a new exciting year in Sherwood class with you all. I hope that this letter will give you some more information to help prepare you and your child for the new school year. Please find attached a copy of our basic class timetable explaining the day to day running of the class and a long term plan containing our topics for next year.

#### The Sherwood Class Team



Miss Rebecca Worboys  
Class Teacher - Sherwood



Mrs Sarah Morton  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Abigail Challands  
1:1 Teaching Assistant (AM)

#### Summer Holiday Task- Dream Catchers

As we have unfortunately been unable to do our usual transition activities, when the children return in September, we will spend the first week getting to know each other better and doing some settling in activities all based around our school motto 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'. In preparation for this, I would love the children to have a go at making their own dream catcher at home over the summer to use as part of a class display. Be as creative as possible- there are no wrong answers!



### Autumn 1 Topic- Street Detectives

Grab a magnifying glass, put on your deerstalker and change your name to Sherlock because we're going to become street detectives! This half term, we'll follow a route around our local streets and take pictures of the buildings, businesses and plants we can see. Talking to residents about the area will help us understand how the local community could be improved. We'll learn nursery rhymes, write poetry and create persuasive adverts. Looking at photographs will help us to spot any similarities and differences between the houses and shops of today and the past. We'll find out about the history of our school and talk to former pupils about their experiences. We'll also study and draw maps, create a model of a local building, draw portraits of the people we have met and look at the work of urban artists. At the end of our project, we'll design posters to advertise a 'Big spring clean' around school before cleaning and tidying the school grounds.



**Help your child prepare for their topic:** Become street detectives and explore your local community. Why not visit a local museum to see what the local area was like in days gone by? You could also look up at the roofs of local buildings to spot interesting carvings and chimney shapes. Alternatively, read the book *A Street Through Time* by Steve Noon together to see how one street has changed over thousands of years. Please also find attached a copy of our 'Street Detectives' knowledge organiser. This contains the key facts and information that children will need to have a basic knowledge and understanding of this topic. You may wish to look through this with your child to encourage discussion and perhaps do some prior research.

### Tapestry



Good news! This year we have made the decision to continue using Tapestry all the way through Key Stage 1. This means that you can continue to use your accounts next year to keep up to date with your child's learning and upload your photos from home too. Over the summer, please do keep uploading photos of what you are getting up to. I will be choosing a selection of my favourites to use as part of our memories display in the cloakroom next year. *If you have any trouble accessing Tapestry, please get in touch.*

### Preparing for September

As you may be aware, we have made a few changes to the school day to keep all of our children safe:

- Children should be dropped off at the earlier time of **8:30am** using the field gate by the bridge, where they will be welcomed into school by staff. We are unable to invite parents onto the site at the moment.
- Please do not send pencil cases to school; all children will be provided with their own set of equipment and resources to keep in school. Unfortunately, children will not be permitted to bring any unnecessary items from home into the classroom with them at this time. Children may bring their coat, bag, lunch box, PE kit, water bottle and snack.
- Children will not bring reading books or reading diaries home from school until further notice. Instead, please access the reading materials online using MyON. If you need any support with using MyON, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please continue to do the quizzes on Accelerated Reader on completion of each book so that I can keep track with how the children are doing. Children will have access to their own physical reading book in school.
- **Snack:** Children will now order and pay for their snack on entry to class each morning. This will then be collected from the kitchen by staff and given out at break time. To avoid cross contamination, we will not be providing change, therefore please try to send the correct money (if children do not have the correct change, I will carry this over to the following day for them). I have attached the snack price list for your information.
- PE is currently timetabled for **Tuesday afternoons**. Please note that all PE will be outdoors during the autumn term so please send weather-appropriate kit including long bottoms, jackets and trainers. Children are advised to take PE kits home the same day.
- Children will be dismissed from the field gate at the earlier time of **3:00pm**.

If you have any questions or worries and would like to speak to me, I am only an email away! Please feel free to contact me at any time: [rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rworboys@cuckney.notts.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

The Sherwood Team 😊