



I want to express a warm welcome to you all! The children are settling well into year one and are starting to become familiar with their new surroundings and classrooms. Year one will bring new and exciting adventures for your child and we are excited to share these with them and you!

Welcome Meetings

We are really excited to welcome so many of you to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week - it will be lovely to see you all!

Please take a look at the information below to find the date and time for your child's session. When you arrive, come in through the front office and then head over to your child's new classroom. We would also love it if you could bring along one or two family photos on the day. These will be shared in the classroom as part of our "Marvellous Me" topic and help your child feel even more at home. Please note that these photos will be kept in school for the half term, so we kindly ask that you do not send any that are particularly precious or irreplaceable.

Tuesday 8th September @9.15am- Skylarks. Thursday 10th September @9.15am- Swifts. Friday 11th September @9.15am- Robins



Autumn Term Topics

This half term our topic focus is 'Marvellous Me'. Within this topic we will be thinking about all the things that make us special and unique. We will recognise the similarities and differences in our immediate environment, using a simple map to find our way around school. Our focus book will be 'The Naughty Bus' and we will use this to identify the human and physical features of our school and local area.

We are excited to welcome you into school for our Art Gallery on **Tuesday 20th October**, where you are invited to 'buy' your child's artwork for a donation to the Trussell Trust food bank. Below are the timings for your class: **Skylarks- 2.15pm Robins- 2.30pm Swifts- 2.45pm**



School Trip

We are very excited to be going to Brooklands Transport Museum next half term (Wednesday 18th November). If you are able to help on this school trip, please email your class teacher directly.



Arbor

School Lunches

Please login to your Arbor Parent Portal to check your contact details are correct and order your child's lunch.

This can be done a week in advance and closes at 8am each day so we suggest you order on a weekend for the week ahead.

Library Books

Children will visit the library once a week, usually on a Monday. These should be returned the following Monday in order for them to be changed.

Harmony

Our Harmony Principles this half term are:

Health

Diversity

We will learn and embed our school values

Respect

Personal Best

Teamwork

Reflectiveness



Reading Books

Children will come home with a Phonics reading book every Friday. These will have been read 2-3 times in school over the week, so your child should be familiar with them. These books are part of a group set and should be returned every **Monday**. If books are not returned the next class will be unable to use them for their group reading sessions. Red reading folders will be used daily in school so please keep these in book bags all week.

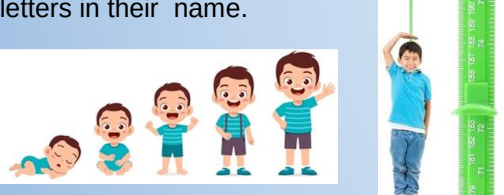


Important information

- Please make sure that **everything** your child wears and brings to school is clearly named with their first and last name.
- Please ensure your child wears Velcro fastening **shoes** to school **everyday** as these are the best footwear for running and climbing
- Please **do not** put your child's water bottle in their book bag as they often leak and then they ruin any school library or reading books.
- Please check book bags regularly for any important information and to empty out any pictures your child has done at school.
- To keep children safe please remind your child that they are not permitted to use the school apparatus before and after school.

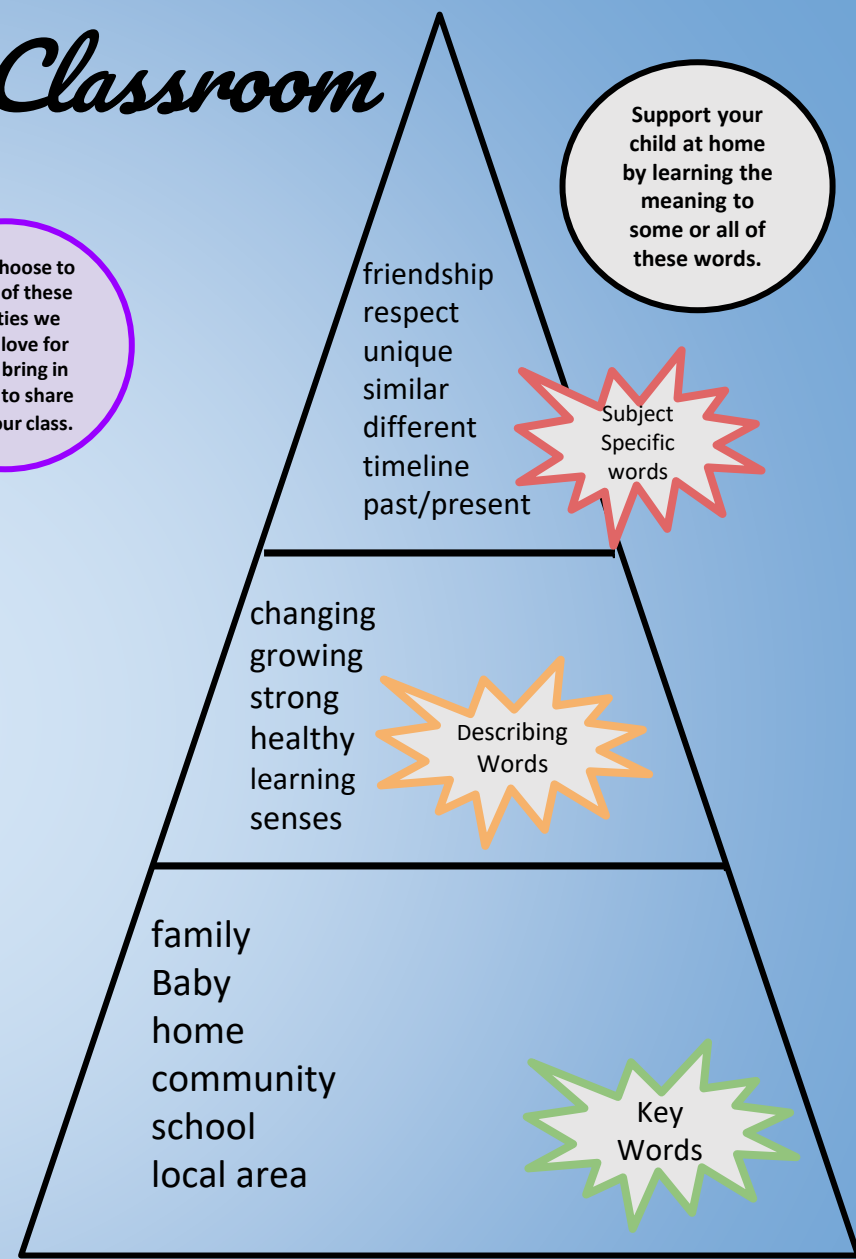
Don't forget to check out our school website, for updates and key information. <https://www.southfarnborough-inf.hants.sch.uk/year-1/>

Optional Learning Beyond the Classroom

Time together	Name Practice: practice writing your name in different ways (rainbow writing, paint, chalk, etc.) Family Collage: Use photos or drawings to create a collage of their family. Daily Talk Time: Encourage children to talk about their day using full sentences. 
Things to do	Body Parts Game: Play “Simon Says” using body parts. Baby to Now Timeline: Look at baby photos and talk about how they’ve grown and changed. All About Me Numbers: Measure height, count how many people in the family, how many letters in their name. 
Make and do	Handprint Art: Turn handprints into animals or decorate them to represent yourself. Self-Portrait: Draw or paint a picture of yourself—look in a mirror and include details (eye colour, hair, etc.) 

If you choose to do any of these activities we would love for you to bring in photos to share with your class.

Support your child at home by learning the meaning to some or all of these words.



Words to help with my learning