Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to room 13.2, I hope all the children had a lovely summer holiday and are ready to get back to school and exciting learning. I am looking forward to working with your children in the classroom on Thursday and Friday and have lots of things planned for their learning here in Room 13.2. We are all here to learn and I will be working closely with Ms Margie to create a safe, happy and productive classroom to learn in together.

Our programme outline for Thursday and Friday this term will be as follows:

- English; in writing we will be writing recounts, and narratives. We will be reading fairy stories and using these to help learn how to structure a narrative.
- In Maths during the first weeks of term 1 we will be revisiting place value. Later in term one we will start our measurement topic.
- In History we will be looking at how changing technology has affected and changed our lives in the home, at work, how we travel, communicate, and play.
- We will be covering The Child Protection Curriculum, starting with 'The Right to Be Safe'.

I will be working closely with Ms Margie and making links across our learning areas, using thinking skills, problem solving skills and literacy skills. This integrated approach will make the learning relevant and interesting.

Here are some general reminders:

Our Library Day is Friday where the children will have an opportunity to choose appropriate reading and browsing books. I will monitor this as closely as possible.

Homework will be set by Ms Margie for the week, however there maybe occasions when I will set a short homework to reinforce or support a learning activity in the classroom on Thursday / Friday.

In the morning I would like children to ensure that they have followed the morning routine ready to start their day.

Children need to wear their hats outdoors, if they do not have a hat they will have to sit in the shaded areas. Can you please ensure hats are named so as to avoid any confusion?

At around 10:00 a.m. each day we will have our healthy snack of fresh fruit or vegetables. This is not the time for other foods a simple piece of fruit or vegetable is sufficient at this time.

Children will need to have a water bottle at school with a lid and named please. They need to keep hydrated to help with learning and concentration.

Could you please supply a box of tissues at some point in the year for use in the classroom.

The swimming programme will take place during week 2 and 3 of this term.

Both Ms Margie and I value any input from you, so if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to catch me either in the morning or if you would like a little longer than a quick word after school. The shared communication book is also a good way of passing messages to me if you can’t be here in the morning or after school.

If we work together with your child I am sure he/she will have a very happy and successful term here in Room 13.2

Lynn Johnson.