



Welcome to Gecko class!



Hello!

Despite being in our fourth official week, a BIG welcome is still necessary to all the returning students, new students and parents.

For those of you who don't know the Kindergarten team, I am Miss Claire. I have been at Provo Primary for 4 years and am excited to be teaching in Senior Kindergarten for a second year. Currently, Miss Arlene is working alongside me, as Miss Laranda is temporarily covering Miss Claire's absence, in Toddlers. Despite Irma's warm welcome, Miss Arlene is a whirlwind of enthusiasm and has enjoyed her first few weeks in Kindergarten.

Take a few minutes to read this newsletter and acquaint yourself with the parent handbook (which will be emailed to you soon). It details the structure of the school day, our weekly timetable, the curriculum, how we monitor and assess the children and some general notes.

Things might change along the way and we will try to keep you updated (keep an eye on the noticeboard outside the classroom). However, if we forget I'm sure the children will keep you posted!

If you have any questions, queries or comments please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. We are always free after school for a chat.

The Kindergarten Team

Our Curriculum

In Gecko class, all topics are designed to encourage creativity, curiosity and a love of learning. We achieve this by child-initiated play exploration, experimentation and questioning. By focusing learning on one topic area, children are able to apply newly acquired skills in a meaningful way across the curriculum. Our first topic this year is *My Enchanted Island*. In this topic, we will be learning all about our 'Beautiful by Nature' Turks and Caicos Islands. This will include looking at our local landmarks, landscapes, food, music and animals. A curriculum map will be sent to you shortly, detailing more information about our topic objectives and some of the activities we will be completing in class.

With this being a topic 'so close to home', please don't hesitate in coming forward with suggestions, ideas, activities or skillsets you have that might be useful in class.

General Reminders

Punctuality

Children should be in class at **8.10am** and picked up at **3pm**.

P.E.

P.E. will be on **Monday and Tuesday afternoons**. To develop independent skills, please send your child with their PE kit to change into **independently** at school.

Other reminders:

- ✓ Apply sunscreen (and mosquito spray, if needed) before coming to school.
- ✓ Bring a sunhat to school every day.
- ✓ Bring enough water for the whole day (one large bottle or two small bottles)
- ✓ Initial all your children's clothing, bags, drink bottles and packed lunch boxes.