



Spring 2 Newsletter – Information for Parents Date: 22nd February 2023

Class 1

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to school – we hope you all had a healthy half term and that the children have recharged their batteries ready to start again!!

Class Routines

Here are a few reminders about class routines! Children may come into class from 8.40 but our daily routine begins at 8.50. Everyone starts their day in the main classroom as usual before we split off into our different focus groups.

Nursery and Reception children continue to receive free milk if they are under five years old only. If you wish to pay for your child to have milk, please register to pay online with the 'cool milk' scheme (www.coolmilk.com). All children will need a **pair of wellies** in school plus a **water bottle**. We encourage children to take home water bottles each day to be washed! Please bring a coat to school each day as we go out in all weathers. Nursery children, please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. We learn through play which often can be messy! However, you are more than welcome to purchase a school jumper if you wish.

Our PE lessons for Reception and Year 1 continue to be on Tuesday afternoons with Mr Shimwell. Depending on the weather and activity, the sessions will take place either in our school hall or outside on the playground / school field. Please ensure that your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school which is clearly labelled with their name.

Physical Development is a prime area of the curriculum for nursery children. They will continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills. They will use the small apparatus, as well as take part in games. They will join in remembering sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm.

Forest School is this term on Thursday afternoons for 6 weeks. Please bring a pair of old trousers or jogging bottoms as well as wellies. (Most children's wellies are in school)

Our topic work this half term is 'Animals and Farming' Through this topic children will focus on history learning about farming in the past. They will look at how food is produced and the techniques used in growing and harvesting. We will also consider how we can look after our fields and hedgerows, helping wildlife.

In RE – our topic for the term is ‘Why does Easter matter to Christians?’

In Science our focus is Minibeasts. Through this topic, children will learn to treat animals in the environment with care and sensitivity. They will have opportunities to observe and recognise some simple characteristics of minibeasts and other living things. They will develop curiosity and interest by exploring their surroundings using their senses.

In English all the children continue to receive daily phonics work. Phase 5 shows the children the alternative ways of writing (graphemes) the sounds already learnt. For example, the sound ee can be written as ea as in meat, ie as in thief and with a letter in the middle as in theme.

Some of our **focus texts** will include; The bee who got stuck, Bee – nature’s tiny miracle, What the ladybird heard, Super worm, as well as non fiction books on farming.

Spellings are weekly and will be related to phonics and tricky words. These will be uploaded to Google Classroom for your child to access. There is a continual focus on handwriting, and year one children will be gradually introduced to the cursive script where each letter begins on the line. This is in preparation for joining letters later on.

Reception - Children in reception will continue to develop their phonics work through the Little Wandle scheme. We have now finished Phase 3 and are consolidating this. We will then move onto Phase 4. They will continue to bring home their phonics sheet, keeping you up to date with the learning for that week. As usual they will bring their reading books home on a Friday to be returned to school on a Monday. The texts in nursery and reception will be linked to our class topic and if children want to bring story or non-fiction books in from home, they are very welcome.

Nursery children continue to have daily Phase 1 and/or 2 phonics games where they will learn to distinguish and say phonemes correctly. Their focus will be on the prime areas of the EYFS curriculum which are personal and social development, physical development and communication, language and literacy.

In Maths, Year One children will finish their addition and subtraction within 20, and will move onto place value within 50. They will use number lines and tens frames to help them calculate. They will add by counting on, find and make number bonds and subtract but not crossing 10. They will represent numbers to 50, and compare numbers within 50.

EYFS children have daily counting and number recognition with a focus on subitising. They use the numicon and counters to order, count and add numbers. They will learn about height, length, mass and capacity. There will continue to be opportunities for maths, from our outdoor environment and continuous provision for all year groups.

Sharing Assembly

Please come and join our sharing assembly every Friday at 2.45 to celebrate the children’s achievements. As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss we are always available, please pop in!

Many Thanks, Mrs Jackson and the Class One Team 😊

