



Summer 1 Newsletter – Information for Parents Date: 21st April 2023

Class 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a relaxing Easter break.

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.

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/wear 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. We like to go out in all weathers so please ensure that your child has an appropriate 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.

THERE IS NO FOREST SCHOOL THIS TERM.

Topic. This term, our new topic is Space Explorers. This includes learning about the lives of significant individuals such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We shall use a range of non fiction texts to study this topic. In addition we will read the following texts; Here We Are – Oliver Jeffers, The Way Back Home – Oliver Jeffers, Bob, man on the moon – Simon Bartram and Field trip to the moon – Jeanne Willis.

In Science our topic is 'Plants'. The summer term is an ideal time to study this and gives us many opportunities for growing all sorts of vegetables and flowers etc. The year 1 science curriculum requires children to 'Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees'. As well as 'Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage will be able to sow bean seeds, courgettes, sunflowers, etc. They will plant the potatoes that have been chitting in the classroom. In addition they will also learn about baby animals and animal life cycles.

In English we are continuing to focus on phonics.

The Year 1 children are learning Phase 5 phonics through the Little Wandle scheme. This includes all the alternative ways of writing graphemes. Later this term the year 1 children will also take part in the national phonics screening test. Our work in English includes; how to correctly form and punctuate sentences, reading and writing words with contractions, and understanding that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s), as well as recapping on ing, est, er and ed endings. Our English work will include non-fiction texts, plus weekly spellings related to Phase 5 sounds and tricky words.

Children in the EYFS will continue to work on Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonics through our Little Wandle scheme. Communication, Language and Literacy is one of three prime areas in the EYFS curriculum, which includes listening and attention, understanding and speaking, so this has a main focus. In writing, we are teaching children to use finger spaces between words, writing their name plus labels and captions. We are ultimately aiming for the children to write short sentences in meaningful contexts by the end of their reception year.

Nursery children need to build their finger strength and so will have lots of opportunities for mark making using fat pens, big brushes etc, as well as fun with playdough and tweezer activities.

Nursery will also explore Phase 1 of our Little Wandle scheme which includes listening walks, action songs, learning rhymes and playing phonics games.

The role play area will link to our topic and be set up as a space craft.

In Maths EYFS children will continue with lots of counting and number recognition to 20 as well as putting the numbers in order. They will also explore one more than and one less than a given number. This is all done in a practical way using lots of opportunities from the environment, promoting the language and vocabulary associated with different number concepts. Shape, space and measure is also investigated.

Year One children's main content for this term is multiplication and division using 2s 5s and 10s, as well as number fractions, geometry, position and direction. We will also support any children who need to revisit basic number work, including addition, subtraction and number bonds.

In RE the Year 1 children are learning – Who is a Christian and what do they believe? They will share stories that help to show how Christians think of God e.g. the book of Jonah in the Old Testament, and the Lost Son. They will describe some of the beliefs that Christians hold about God e.g. all-powerful, loving, close to every person, forgiving. They will look at art and recognise some symbols and images used to express ideas about God.

EYFS children will participate in these lessons but in a way that is applicable to them and their level of understanding.

PSHE – our focus this term is Relationships. This includes knowing that there are lots of different types of families, knowing that families are founded on belonging, love and care, how to make a friend, knowing the characteristics of healthy and safe friends, knowing about the different people in the school community and how they help.

Homework

Yr1 – In addition to reading at home, the children will receive weekly spellings to learn each Friday which will be tested the following Friday. These will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Reception children take part in 3 guided group reading sessions per week. They bring their book home for the weekend as usual. They will also bring home their Little Wandle phonics and tricky word sheet to practise.

Sharing Assembly

Please join our sharing assembly every Friday to celebrate the children's achievements. As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss we are always available, so catch us at the gate. Once again thank you for all your support.

Mrs Jackson, Mrs Carass, Mrs Gears.