

# KS1 Autumn term Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term where the days are drawing shorter and the nights are drawing in. I'm sure you'll notice how cold it is getting now and we would ask if you could make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather.



## **Year 1-Maths**

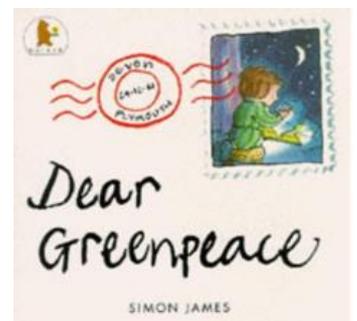
The children will be looking number facts to 10 and continuing to explore addition and subtraction within the numbers to 10. It is very important that your child has a secure knowledge in this and continue to practice his at home. The children will also be exploring the properties of 2D/3D shapes and begin to compare and order numbers to 20.

## **Year 2 –Maths**

The children will be continuing to add and subtract two-digit numbers mentally and using paper. We have noticed that some children are struggling with this in class, please could we ask that you continue to consolidate your child's understanding of place value at home by asking them to make a number, which number is the biggest? How many tens? How many ones? We will also be learning about money, multiplication and division. Let your child explore and discuss money at home, it is key that they have time at home to explore Maths.

## **Year 1&2- English**

This half term we will be continuing to focus on writing in different genres in relation to our Learning Journey. We have lots of exciting activities planned including writing instructions on how to make a marmalade sandwich, writing a descriptive piece about Paddington Bear and then focusing on our new class literacy book Green Peace. You can continue to support your child at home by encouraging them to write their own instructions and creative pieces at home and bring them in. It



is also important to practice simple sentences at home as many of our children are still forgetting basic punctuation when writing. Year 1 will focus on using their phonics knowledge to create their own sentences whilst remembering to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Year 2 will be focusing on using the four different sentence types (statement, command, question and exclamation) in their writing along with using conjunctions to extend their sentences.

**Science:** This half term the children will be exploring the different properties and habitats of bears before we begin describing and comparing the structure of many different animals such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Please encourage your child to ask scientific questions at home and discuss the physical differences and characteristics between the different animals.

**Homework:** Homework will be handed out each week on a Friday. Please encourage your children to complete any tasks at home. Discussing your child's learning with them helps support their learning. Use the homework letter to ask them questions about their learning.

**Spellings:** Your child will receive weekly spellings which will include spelling patterns, rules and common exception words. Year 2 will complete weekly spelling tests. It is important that you support your child in remembering their spellings as they will have weekly spelling tests.

**Reading:** Your child will be bringing home a reading book, please practice reading the book several times to improve their fluency. Reading with your child improves their vocabulary and language skills, as well as a great way to spend time together. Please write a weekly comment in their Reading Record as it shows how much we value them as readers. Your child's class teacher will also be writing a regular comment too.

**Don't forget to log onto Bug Club, our online reading books.**

**Maths:** *Maths Factor* is our online resource aimed at supported children at home. Please complete this at least once a week. However, you can compete as many tasks as your child wishes.

What you can do to help:

- Ask your child about their day.
- Read with your child as often as you can.
- Practice counting forwards and backwards from any given number. Can they do this counting in 2's, 5's and 10s?
- Support your child in completing any home learning projects.

## **Year 1 and 2**

P.E will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday for Maple class. Willow class have P.E on a Monday and Friday. If your child wears earrings please could you ensure that they are taken out on these days (if your child can take them out independently that is fine).

## **Home Learning Project**

As part of our learning this term, we would like the children to research their favourite animal and present any information which they find in a creative way. This could be presented as a poster, pictures, booklet, models etc. Please can this be brought in by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** for your child to show to their class.



Please don't hesitate to come us after school if you have any queries about your child's learning. We are always available to listen.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Miss Edwards and Miss Hill.*