

KS1 Autumn term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge warm welcome back to our families! We really hope you have had a wonderful summer and the children are excited about returning to school, after what has been a strange and unusual time for us all. I am delighted to say that your children's behaviour and attitudes have been equally as exemplary. It has been such a pleasure to see them back at the school and they have all behaved impeccably, despite the changes that have been made around the school.

This half term we are lucky enough to have extra adults in our classrooms to help support our learning. Mrs Harris will be working with Year One and Mrs Gardiner (previously known as Mrs Kimber) will be working with Year Two.

This half term we will be focusing on settling back into our new learning routines and exploring the different ways that we learn. We have planned an engaging recovery curriculum to ensure that all children make great progress in year 1 and 2. This will involve assessing where the children are and supporting them to be better learners.

Year 1-Maths

The children will be sorting, counting and ordering numbers to 10. They will explore what a part-whole model is and use this to support their number bonds to 10. We will also solve addition and subtraction word problems within 10.

Year 2 -Maths

The children will counting, representing and comparing numbers to 100. They will begin to count in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Within our addition and subtraction unit, the children will learn about; numbers facts, number bonds to 100, finding 10 more and 10 less and adding and subtracting 1-digit and 2-digit numbers.

Year 1&2- English

Our focus this half term will be creating a learning environment where our children are happy and excited to write. We will be focusing on using our phonics in our writing to spell words correctly, using capital letters and full stops in the correct places and for year 2, using exciting adjectives.

Science: This half term the children will be learning all about plants and animals! They will learn about different types of plants and trees and their key features. We will be exploring wild and garden plants and creating our own fact files about these. We will also be learning about the animal kingdom this half term and will be researching and identifying a range of common animals. We will be looking closely at the different structures and habitats of different animals and also the different dietary requirements which animals have. Please see our Learning Journey leaflet for more ideas in how to support your child (out tomorrow).

Year 2 Spellings: Your child will receive weekly spellings, via my *Marvelous Me*, 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, this can be done in a fun way.

Reading: Your child has been given a new Reading Record to take home regularly. 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. Of course, all members of staff will wash their hands before touching and writing in your child's reading record book.

Phonics Screening- Children in Year 1 & 2 will be undertaking Phonics screening this term. Your child will be taking home a set of pseudo-words (made-up) *tox*, *thazz*, *blan* and normal words to learn.

Home Reading Books: Your child will receive a school reading book levelled according to their phonics skills. To comply with recent safety measures, a new reading book will be sent home every Monday with your child. We will be collecting these books in on a Friday so they can be quarantined over the weekend. Due to this system, your child will not have a school reading book over the weekend. We therefore really encourage you to log in and use the amazing reading books available on Bug Club to read with your child over the weekend.

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 complete 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.

P.E will be on a Monday and Wednesday for Maple class. Willow class have P.E on a Monday and Thursday. 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). Please can all children have plimsolls for our P.E sessions as children will be participating in dance, gymnastics and yoga stretches. This style of shoe will allow the children to be flexible yet comfortable at the same time!

Thank you for your support,

Miss Edwards and Miss Hill.