



Sunbeams Class

Teachers: Mrs R Pollitt & Mrs N Barton

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Austin, Mrs Rudd Mrs Holland and Mrs Smith

Happy New Year 2019.

Firstly, we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and say a big thank you for all the kind gifts and cards we received for Christmas, we hope you had a lovely break and that the children had a chance to recharge their batteries ready for the busy term ahead.

Our new topic for this term is "What do we celebrate and why?". We will be finding out about celebrations from around the world. We are looking forward to learning about the music, food and traditions linked with a variety of celebrations.

Topics this Term

- During our topic on Festivals, food and celebrations, we will be learning about family celebrations, special birthdays, carnivals and parades, festivals of light, celebrations to say thank you and celebrating new beginnings around the world and as many other celebrations as we can squeeze in!!
 - In literacy this half term, the children will continue to reinforce their knowledge of the phase 2 phonemes (s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b,f,l,ff, ll, ss.) these sounds will be used in the children's reading and writing on a daily basis and we will also be introducing the children to new phonemes from Letters and Sounds phase 3. Each time a new sound is introduced in class we will send a copy of this sound home in your child's book bag. Thank you in advance for your continued support in reinforcing these sounds at home and helping your child become familiar with them.
 - In maths this half term, we will be continuing to look at ordering, recognizing and correctly forming all numbers to 20, simple addition and subtraction, doubling numbers to 10, halving numbers to 20, telling the time (on the hour and half past) and ordering objects by weight, height, length and capacity.
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 13th February
2019 Sunbeams class
assembly 9am

Parent's evenings
Wednesday 6th March and
Monday 11th March

Important Information

PE – PE for Sunbeams will still be on a Tuesday morning and a Wednesday afternoon. We recommend that your child's PE kit remains in school and we will send it home at the end of each half term. On PE days please remove any earring or pop some micro pore tape into their book bag so that we can cover them up safely, thank you.

Food and drink - All children have access to the snack bar during the morning and we encourage children to drink their water. Please ensure water bottles are in school each day and contain **only plain water** in case of spillage, thank you.

Other information –

Wednesday morning is Mrs. Pollitt and Mrs. Barton's release time for joint planning and assessment.

Mrs. Dockery and Mr Brangwin join us on Weds, Thurs or Fri as volunteer helper.

If you have any queries or questions about school, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with us.

- The children will also have regular access to the continuous provision within the classroom which includes the making table, musical resources, laptops and a range of resources to encourage them to explore, investigate and question (magnifying glasses, measuring tapes, books, magnets etc.).
- Please also find attached a WOW sheet. In Sunbeams we are very keen to improve the links between home learning and school learning. We would really appreciate your help with this. The idea of the wow sheets is that when your child demonstrates a new skill to you or achieves something at home for the first time, we would love to hear about it so that we can celebrate it in school too. For example if your child points out a house number on their way to town and recognises it independently for the first time or notices one of their tricky words in their bedtime story or puts their head underwater in the swimming pool for the first time, we would like to celebrate this with them. Please just make a quick note of what your child has done that has made you say WOW! and slip that note into their reading record or book bag. We can then add this information to their learning journey and display their WOW moment for everybody to share. It would be lovely to start the new term with a WOW moment for each child thanks!

