

Class 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely first week and I have been so pleased with how quickly the children have all settled in.

This week, as part of our settling in activities, the children will bring home a brown paper bag. This is their 'all about me' bag. Please can you decorate it and choose up to 10 items for your child to show the rest of the class. This could include photographs of family or pets, cards, trophies or certificates they have received, a special holiday they've been on, activities they like to do (swimming/dancing) or maybe something they like to play with (if it will fit in the bag). We would like to share these over the next two weeks so as soon as they are completed please can you send them in.

We will also send home a News Book; this will start once all the children have shared their bags. It would be lovely if you can share some of the things you have been doing at home over the weekend. This could include: places you have visited, activities your child has taken part in (playing with friends at the park, baking, making something etc.) or special occasions. Your child could draw a picture of the events or if possible please could you include photographs along with your comments. The children will receive these books every Friday as part of their homework and they must be returned on a Monday ready for your child to share with the class.

The children attended their first praise assembly on Friday. Each week certificates are presented for excellent work and outstanding behaviour. Please keep these safe because when your child has collected 10 certificates they can be returned to school and they will receive a platinum certificate and a book voucher to spend at our weekly book club. Once they have collected 3 platinum certificates they will receive a gift voucher.

The children have access to the outdoor area including a sand pit. To save their school shoes from getting muddy/sandy, I would be grateful if you could send in a pair of wellingtons that we could keep at school.

As we move into the second week of term, please can you inform the office if there are changes to the home routine i.e. if they are being collected or will be going home via the walking bus/school bus.

Every Thursday the class will have an opportunity to take a book home from the school library. Can you please ensure your child returns their book the following Thursday so we can swap it for a new one.

The other side of this newsletter will share some of the activities and topics we will be looking at this term. I am always here if you have any questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact me either by telephone, in your child's blue home/school diary (this will be sent home with this newsletter) or just pop in to school and I will be very happy to help.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.
From Miss Morgan

English

In phonics we will look at identifying the initial sounds in words and learn how to orally segment and blend words.

We will begin to learn the letter sounds (information about how you can support your child with this will be sent out later this term).

We will sing songs and rhymes and retell stories we have listened to.

Mathematics

We will focus on numbers 1-10. We will look at counting aloud using number songs and rhymes. We will count objects and match the number to the quantity.

We will look at estimating and talk about how many objects we think there might be.

PSED

We will talk about the school rules and how they help us work together to have a happy school. We will look at sharing, making friends and being independent.

Physical Development

We will be developing our gross and fine motor skills. Getting dressed independently. Hygiene - washing our hands / germs.

This half term:

Monday

News Books returned
P.E. (earrings removed)

Wednesday

P.E. (earrings removed)

Thursday

Community Bank
Library book returned

Friday

Book Club
News books handed out

This half term our topics will focus on:

All about me

Seasons - Autumn

Understanding the World

The children will share the things that are special to them. We will look at how our interests and likes are the same or different.

We will investigate the changes we can see in the outside area.

Communication and Language

We will learn how to be good listeners. We will listen to the story 'The Listening Walk'. We will investigate the different sounds we can hear around school.

Creative

We will draw pictures of ourselves. We will explore using and combining different materials to create pictures and models.