

Class 1 and 2 Newsletter Spring Term 3 2020

Welcome back and 'Happy New Year'. It is good to see the children back, so full of energy and excited to learn. Several members of staff have commented about how grown up and settled all of the children are in Class 1 and 2. They are a credit to you all! ☺

New faces

We welcome Mrs Nicola Phelps to C1 and to our EYFS team. She will be joining us permanently for the remainder of the year on a Wednesday whilst Mrs Walker completes a Post Grad Certification in Special Educational Needs. We will have a University of Gloucestershire Year 3 B.Ed student joining us at the end of January, Miss Amy Hiles. She will begin by teaching small groups, under the guidance of the class teachers.

Our learning

The children have worked very hard to achieve their 'Next Steps' as written on their cards, which were updated at the end of last term. We will be checking on progress shortly before Parent's Evenings at the end of this half term.

This term topics will continue to be led by the children's interests. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about animals, habitats and looking at seasonal changes. The children are enjoying creating habitats for our fluffy animals. Our literacy learning will focus on how to write sentences including finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.

Mrs Lakeman and Mrs Walsh-Young will continue to teach RE on a Tuesday afternoon.

Our mathematics learning will focus on the numbers to 20, subtraction and measurements including, shape, money, time, length, weight and capacity. Please encourage your children to count on or back to find answers to simple problems.

Library Book

These will be changed weekly on a Thursday (C2) and Friday (C1). Please keep loose in Blue Book Bags (not tucked in the reading diary folder). It makes it much less complicated. The children will also be encouraged to change their 100 Reads Book on this day too.

Doodle Maths

We are aiming to set up log ins this week and will place them in reading diaries when they are completed. This is an online maths resource for your child to enjoy the activities.

Friday Dance Sessions

If your child enjoys listening to a particular song or piece of music that may be suitable for us to dance to, please let the teachers know. We have some groovy movers amongst us!

EYFS Literacy Parent Workshop

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next workshop on Monday 20th January. The workshop will run from

2.15pm to 3pm. You and your child will be able to choose from a range of activities. A sign up sheet will be available nearer the time.

Reading Diaries/ blending books and Tricky words

We will be consolidating all our phonics learning from last term and when your child is ready we will add new sounds that we have learned each week to the **blending books**. Please encourage your child to blend the sounds.

Tricky words are words that the children just need to look at and recognise. The children may also refer to them as 'camera words'. It is not possible to sound out and blend these phonetically. Please practice each evening.

ME BOX LETTER and rota (attached).

Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will be on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February from 3.30pm - 6pm
An email will be sent from the office with sign up times.

Assemblies

Class 1 Assembly at 9.15am on Friday 6th March 2020. Parents invited to attend.

Class 2 Assembly at 9.15am on Friday 1st May 2020

These will be to celebrate some of our class learning this year.

Clothing

Please send your child to school in suitable clothing including hats and thick

gloves on cold days. We will still be learning outside even on the coldest days.

Rhymes the children will be learning

I'm a little snowman short and fat
Here's my scarf and here's my hat
When I see the snowflakes hear me shout
Get your coat on and come on out.

Let's make a snowman

And let's make him fat
Give him a round face and put on a hat
A carrot for his nose and then I suppose
Some buttons down his chest
Oh he really is the best
He's a fat, jolly snowman, a roly poly snowman
We made a snowman today.

Thank you for all your continued support.
Best Wishes

Class 1 and 2 Reception Team

Class 1 and 2 'Me Boxes'

We would like to give the children the opportunity to bring in some items from home to talk about with the class. See Rota attached. We will provide a box (to be brought home the day before) and we will encourage discussion when your child shares their '**me box**'. We hope that we might be able to observe how some children can:

- Show sensitivity to others' feelings (**Making Relationships**)
- Speak confidently in a familiar group. (**Self-confidence and self-awareness**)
- Answer 'how' and 'why' questions (**Understanding**)
- Use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future (**Speaking**)
- Show how they join in with family customs and events
- Talk about past and present events in their own life and in the lives of family members.
- Know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this.
- Know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.
(**People and Communities**)

Please only choose 5 things to go into your 'me box'.

Items that may go into your '**me box**' to promote discussion might include:

- An old family photograph of a special family event (Christening or naming ceremony, wedding)
- A special model they have made that they can talk about
- An object from their home culture (eg from a family member living in a different part of the UK or abroad).
- A family food eg Welsh cakes if a family member is Welsh
- A uniform from a club or something from a hobby (eg Rainbows or a football club)
- A favourite book - we will try to read it if we have time!
- A certificate or reward for achievement.

***Please also provide a carrier bag to bring items home again, in the bottom of the box. A timetable is attached and please ask if you would like any help with ideas!

Please see separate rota for the date your child will need to bring in the box.

Thank you.

Class 1 and 2 teachers.