



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year R Term 2 2023/24

Hello everyone! We would like to say well done to all of our children for making such a fantastic start to the new school year. They have settled back into school life brilliantly and have made excellent progress in their learning – we couldn't be more proud of them! We hope you all enjoyed a super half-term break and are all ready for another great term ahead. This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering up until the Christmas break.

If you have any questions please see us at the end of the school day, or if it's not urgent, contact us via our class email [AntarcticaClass@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:AntarcticaClass@sgmail.org.uk). Please note that the class email account is not routinely checked during the school day, so if you have an urgent message, please contact the school office. Keep an eye out on 'Evidence Me' where we will be updating you on the children's learning.

We are looking forward to meeting you all again at our upcoming Parents' Consultations. Make sure you have signed up so that we can share your child's learning journey so far.

This term, we will be supporting our children to further develop their table manners during lunch time. We will encourage them to correctly use a knife and fork, and model the normal expectations around eating with others such as not speaking with our mouth full and tucking our chairs in when leaving the table. We would appreciate your support in also sharing these messages with your children when eating together in the evening. Thank you in advance.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack. We would also like to reiterate that as your child is in KS1, they receive a healthy snack provided by school. We therefore ask that all children in KS1 (Year R – 2) **do not** bring in an additional snack. Thank you.

### Reading

Please remember to use the sound cards and phonic assessment grid in the reading wallets and tick off the sounds your child remembers. Do this as often as possible to help your child become secure with the single sounds.

This term we move on to the rest of the single letters in the alphabet:

c k ck e u r h b f (ff) l(l) ss j v w x y z/zz

### Maths

In maths this term, we continue to develop our sense of numbers up to 5 with Numicon, Numberblocks and everyday objects.

We will find 4 and 5, subitise 4 and 5, find different ways to make and represent 4 and 5, whilst also reminding ourselves of what one more and one less means.



We are still learning to read these tricky words instantly: no, go, I, the, into, to and will be introducing new words – he, she, me, we, be...

Remember, the Teach Your Monsters to Read website has some great blending and segmenting games for your child to play (<https://www.teachyourmonster.org>) and it can be played on a tablet.

Please also note the handwriting scheme that we use is a great 5 min activity to help children develop letter formation. Here is the login and password:

Desktop log-in

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Password: home

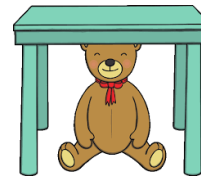
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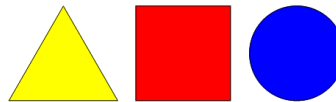
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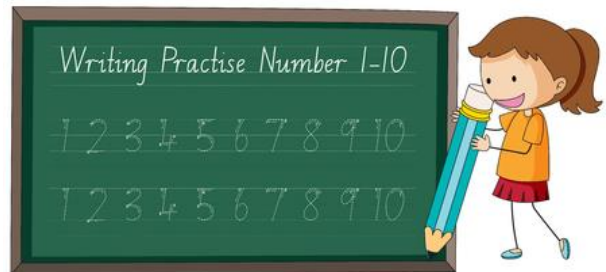
We will look at and use the language of positioning.



We will also be looking at circles and triangles, later moving onto 4 sided shapes.



We will continue to practise writing numbers correctly.



## Learning Overview






This term we will be learning about the seasons and be asking the question 'Is it Autumn in other parts of the world?' For more information on what we are learning this term, please see the Term 2 Learning Overview.

We will also be learning about the **Christmas Nativity story** and will be retelling this to our parents on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm**. We have a large supply of costumes, however, if we need anything sourced by families, we will let you know in the next couple of weeks.



## Show and Tell

We will start Show and Tell this term. Each child will take it in turn to bring home a Show and Tell bag. They are invited to bring objects to school to share with their friends such as: favourite photograph, story book, toy or game, song etc. You may also like to send us photographs via the Evidence Me or Antarctica email account. We will be using this opportunity to help your child build confidence to talk to an audience. It would be really helpful for you to talk to your child about the objects they have chosen and why they have chosen to share them before they do this in front of their friends so that they feel prepared.

 	<p>We try our best to change your child's reading books on the following days: <b>RED</b> – Mondays, <b>YELLOW</b> – Tuesdays, <b>GREEN</b> – Wednesdays, <b>BLUE</b> – Thursdays and <b>ORANGE</b> – Fridays. Please remember to indicate when you have read with your child in the yellow reading record. We remind you, however, that your child's book bag with reading record and books should come in on a daily basis as we may need to shuffle book change dates about with events happening over the next term.</p> <p>We will continue to send home new home learning sound practice sheets and cards weekly on a Friday and ask that you send your child in with their <b>completed home learning on Thursday mornings</b>, so that they can be rewarded in 'Home Learning Hero time' on Fridays. We would like to reiterate the importance of keeping up with this on a weekly basis to reinforce what your child is learning at school.</p> <p>Thank you so much for sending in pictures of your child's Maths learning to <b>Evidence Me</b> – the children love seeing each other on the big screen doing their learning and it is clear that this is reinforcing what we are doing in school – keep up the good work!</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day. Also please make sure that their school uniform is labelled clearly with their name and class. We ask children not to bring in their own stationery, toys or items from home into school. We will provide all the equipment that your child needs.</p>

### Year R Term 2 Key dates:

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Parent Teacher Consultations
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Parent Teacher Consultations
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Non-uniform day for FOMS tombola donations
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5pm - FOMS Christmas fair
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm - Retelling of the Christmas story by YR
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - FOMS Christmas Gift Sale for pupils
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Pantomime trip
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10am - Church Christmas Carol service