Curriculum Newsletter

Year R Term 2 2021/22

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 speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

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.

This term, we will be supporting our children to further develop their table manners during lunch time. We will explore with them how to correctly use a knife and fork, and 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!

It was great meeting you all during the recent Parents Consultations - please could you complete your child's profile (parent and child voice) and return it to school.

Also, just a little reminder that the 'sharing books' that children bring home are an opportunity for your child to use the school library and share a book with you at bed time maybe. IF you have one at home which needs to be exchanged for a new one, please pop it in your child's book bag. Many thanks.

Reading

We are really impressed with the progress children are making with reading and as we start term 2 we know that this is when it starts to get exciting as we can start to read words in simple sentences.

Please remember this is the most important thing you can help your child with and we recommend 5 minutes a day. Remember that it can be 5 minutes of sound practice (tick the grid on the back of the yellow reading diary), or use flashcards, read word lists, or read a book. It all helps your child secure sounds in preparation for reading. Remember our workshop is coming up on 11th November at 2:30pm and we will be teaching the children so that you can get to see how we teach phonics in class what a typical lesson looks like.

Maths

In maths this term, we continue to develop our sense of number with Numicon, Numberblocks and every day objects. We will:

- make an amount with objects (composition)
- understand that different things can be counted: claps, steps, sounds and things which cannot be moved (see how far your child can count accurately at home).
- Order and write numbers.
- Count objects accurately.
- Partition 6 in different ways.
- Order and compare quantities to 6.
- Recall quickly what one more and one less than any number to 6 is.
- Explore repeating patterns.

Learning Overview

This term we will be learning about the seasons and will be focusing on Autumn and asking the question 'Is it Autumn in other parts of the world?' We will also be learning about the **Christmas nativity story** and will be retelling this to our parents on Thursday **16th December at 2pm** (more information about this to follow). For more information on what we are learning this term, please see the Term 2 Learning Overview on the school website.

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. We will be using this opportunity to help your child build confidence to talk to an audience. It will be really helpful to talk to your child about the objects they have brought and why they have chosen to share them before they do this in front of their friends.
	We will continue to send home your child's homework for the entire term and **we will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 15th December.** These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 3.

	Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day, as at this time our water fountains will be out of use. 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.

Year R Term 2 Key dates:

Phonic workshop Thursday 11th November 2.30pm

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December

Christmas Pantomine trip – Tuesday 14th December

Retelling of the Christmas story by YR – Thursday 16th December at 2pm

Church service – Friday 17th December